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DEDICATION

DONALD RUNDLETT SANBORN

Donald Sanborn is a lifelong resident of his present home at three Fremont Road. He was born there on May 21, 1913, the son of Walter P. and Sylvia A. Sanborn. His brothers include Richard F., at the same address, Willard P. of Pensacola, FL, a sister Edith Ingalls of Madison, ME and a sister Bertha Kennedy, now deceased, who lived in Wakefield, MA.

Donald is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving his country in World War II, spending the first two and one half years in Panama. He returned to the states, re-assigned to the infantry and shipped to Europe in the fall of 1944. He was assigned to the 90th Infantry Division and, shortly after Christmas, was in the Battle of The Bulge, reaching the banks of the Rhine River by March 29, 1945.

After the war he operated Sanborn Nurseries, a project started in 1936. Donald later went to work for the New Hampshire State Library.

Donald R. Sanborn has long been an avid reader, photographer, mountain climber, active in sailing; building at least two sailboats and participating in races on Bow Lake.

Today, Donald is recognized as a well read, well founded authority on the history of Epping. The history of our town has been a labor of love and dedication for Donald. He has gathered a very extensive collection of photographs, post cards, documents, newspaper clippings and books to tell its' story. His work on the computer from early in the morning and into the evening every day of the year has preserved and formalized the history and genealogy of the Town of Epping. A long awaited published history is being prepared.

—RICHARD B. SANBORN

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HONORABLE MENTION

Fire Chief
Richard Marcotte

Though Dick Marcotte has been mentioned in recent Town Reports, it is fitting that we salute Dick as he “retires” as Chief of the Fire Department, and takes on the role of Deputy Chief. For Twenty-one years service as chief, and

Twenty-six years (and counting) as a member of the Epping Fire Department, an honorable mention just doesn't seem adequate. Left is a photo of Dick, in his Class A dress uniform at the 1997 Epping Memorial Day Parade.

“...Twenty-one years service as Chief, and Twenty-six years (and counting) as a member of the Epping Fire Department...”

The Town of Epping owes you a huge debt of gratitude for answering all the calls, helping all our neighbors, and putting in the hours behind the scenes that help make Epping Fire Department what it is today—a successful organization that stands on par with any, run by volunteers.

Thanks Dick, we hope you enjoy relaxed duties and responsibilities as Deputy Chief. ☆

Town Officers

ELECTED OFFICERS

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Board of Adjustment

Judith Boisvert	1995	1998
Daniel Harvey	1995	1998
Joseph Foley	1996	1999
Paul Gatchell	1997	2000
Kevin Murphy	1997	2000

Alternates (appointed)

Doris Allen	1997	2000
Lucille Morin	1997	1998
Mary Lou Nowe	1996	1998

Budget Committee

Robert Graham	1995	1998
Pamela Holmes	1995	1998
Roy Judd	1995	1998
William Davis	1996	1999
James McGeough	1996	1999
Joseph Zaccari	1996	resigned
replaced by		
Robert Goodrich		1998
Dennis Gagnon	1997	2000
Dianne Gilbert	1997	2000
Cheryl Ouellette	1997	2000

Cemetery Trustees

Paul Ladd	1996	1998
Ann Burt	1996	1999
Daniel Harvey	1997	2000

Checklist Supervisor

Grace Lavoie	1992	1998
Pamela Holmes	1994	2000
Mary Lou Nowe	1996	2002

Fire Wards

H. Clifton Gray	1995	1998
John Bertogli	1996	1999
Bruce Chapman	1997	2000

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Library Trustees

Richard Sanborn	1995	1998
Theresa Kucera	1996	1999
Deborah McConnell	1997	2000

Moderator

Harold LaPierre	1996	1998
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Asst. Moderator (appointed)

Robert Goodrich	1996	1998
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Planning Board

Michael O'Leary	1995	1998
Paul Spidle	1996	1999
Robert Graham	1997	2000
Ronald Nowe	1997	2000

Alternates (appointed)

Stephen Emanouil	1996	1999
Paul Doucett	1997	Resigned
Robert Eldridge	1996	1999

Selectmen

Lee Limperis	1995	1998
Kim Sullivan	1995	1998
Renald Cote	1996	1999
Bob Johnson	1997	2000
Todd Trobaugh	1997	2000

Tax Collector

Linda Foley	1995	1998
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Deputy (appointed)

Eve Quinn		
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Town Clerk

Linda Foley	1995	1998
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Deputy (appointed)

Eve Quinn		
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CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Treasurer

Kathryn Brewer	1997	1998
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Deputy (appointed)

Nicole Carleton		
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Trustee of Trust Fund

James Rogier	1995	1998
William Williamson	1996	1999
Daniel Harvey	1997	2000

APPOINTED OFFICERS

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Animal Control Officer

Robin Gilbert		no term
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Assessing Clerk/Selectmen's Office

Manager

Judy Asdot		no term
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Ballot Clerks

Ann Marie Amaru	1996	1998
Virginia LaPiere	1996	1998
Lucille Morin	1996	1998
Marian Nouvertne	1996	1998

Bookkeeper

Vicki MacLaughlin		no term
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Cable TV Steering Committee

Jack Collins	1997	
Ernest Quinn	1997	
Mark Vallone	1997	
Bill Williamson	1997	
Todd Trobaugh, Selectmen's Rep		

Civil Defense

Michael Jean	1997	1998
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Code Enforcement

Eugene Perreault		no term
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Conservation Commission

Susan Harvey	1995	1998
Chris Stone	1995	
resigned		
Kevin Martin	1996	1999
Richard Fisher	1996	1999
Jennifer LaPointe	1997	2000
Jeff Conrad	1997	2000

Alternate

Gerald Langdon	1997	
Robert Graham	1997	

Crossing Guards

Beverly Laurent		1998
Sherry Arsenaault		1998

Fire Chief

Richard Marcotte		no term
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Call Volunteers

Chris Murphy	1972	
Michael Jean	1975	
William Murch	1979	
Jim Porter	1996	
Gail Dodge	1993	

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Cliff Cray	1979	
Maurice Yergeau	1975	
Gary Porter	1974	
Robert Downie	1981	
Henry Letourneau	1981	
John Bertogli	1984	
Bruce Chapman	1984	
William Williamson	1984	
Raymond Pearo	1984	
Daniel Bennis	1985	
Craig Stephens	1986	
Matthew Cray	1986	
Don King	1983	
Kevin Zukas	1988	
Donna Carter	1988	
Skip Galvin	1989	
Fred Fallon	1989	
Chris Bertogli	1989	
Leona Jean	1989	
Brian Toomire	1990	
Joseph Bodge	1991	
David Pevear	1991	
Steven Arneil	1992	
Cheryl Bodge	1992	
David Breck	1992	
Karen Louis	1988	
Doug Turgeon	1992	
Greg Dodge	1979	
Joan Page	1993	
Keith Bertogli	1992	
Peter Felch	1994	
Joe Brown	1996	
Jim Lawrence	1995	
Jeff Leduc	1995	
Wayne Bertogli	1995	
Erik Fallon	1995	

AMBULANCE PERSONNEL

EMT-Paramedics

Hank Letourneau	
Gail Dodge	
Jeff LeDuc	
Matt Cray	
Cheryl Bodge	

EMT- Intermediates

Kevin Zukas	
John Thompson	
John Bertogli	
Chris Bertogli	
Skip Galvin	

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Dick Strout		
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EMT-Basic

Richard Marcotte	
Mike Jean	
Bob Downie	
Bruce Chapman	
Greg Dodge	
Joan Page	
Dan Bennis	
Dave Breck	
Donna Carte	
Brian Toomire	
Fred Fallon	
Karen Louis	
Craig Stevens	

First Responders

Steve Arneil	
Keith Bertogli	
Wayne Bertogli	
Erick Fallon	
Peter Felch	
Leona Jean	
Dave Pevear	
Doug Turgeon	

Highway Department

Glenn Dodds, Foreman	
Scott Clark	
Roy Paige	

Historic District

Daniel Harvey	1995	1998
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Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Kevin Martin	1996	no term
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Librarian

Duane Shaffer		no term
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Planning Board Secretary

Phyllis McDonough		no term
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Police Chief

Gregory Dodge		no term
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Police Department

Sean Gallagher		no term
Chris Dittmar		no term
Marc Turner		no term
Michael Wallace		no term
Dawn Watkins		resigned

CURRENT OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM ENDS
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Part Time Officers

Marc Beaudoin	1997	resigned
Maureen Dittmar	1997	1998
Charles Eaton	1997	resigned
Paul Hanley	1997	1998
Jeffrey LeDuc	1997	1998
Mark McAlpine	1997	1998
Joshua McLain	1997	1998
Jason Newman	1997	1998
Richard Newman Jr.	1997	resigned
Richard Newman Sr.	1997	1998
Jeffrey Ouellette	1997	1998
David Roy	1997	1998
H. Denton Wood III	1997	1998

Police Secretary

Patricia Wood

Recreation Commission

Leona Jean	1995	resigned
Michael Jean	1995	resigned
Cheryl Ouellette	1996	1998
Michelle Hughes	1996	1998
Theresa Kucera	1996	1998
Christine Holmes	1997	2000
Nicole Carleton	1997	2000
Marla Merchant	Appointed Director	

Rockingham Planning Commission

Robert Eldridge	1997	2001
Michael O'Leary	1997	1999
Alternate		
Robert Graham	1997	2000

Seacoast MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Michael O'Leary	1997	1998
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Solid Waste Attendants

Albert Dionne
Gordon Zampacorta
Paul Petit
Alfred Eaton

Town Administrator

David Barker

Welfare Administrator

Phyllis McDonough



TOP: Showing alot of campaign spirit! Election day 1997.
BOTTOM: Scenes from the annual Epping Canoe Race, April 1997.

Executive Summary

BOARD OF SELECTMEN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Board of Selectmen

Lee Limperis, *Chair*
Todd Trobaugh,
Vice Chair
Renaud Cote
Bob Johnson
Kim Sullivan

Town Administrator

David Barker

Variety comes to mind as we report to you the happenings of our office and departments during 1997. We started the year planning a water and sewer expansion along Route 125 from Main Street southerly towards the Brentwood Town line.

Voters supported this project and funded our request to use \$300,000 from water and sewer surplus funds. The Town used the engineering services of Hoyle Tanner and Associates of Manchester to develop and supervise this project. The final element of the project remains to be completed - that is installation of a pumping station to lift the sewerage from the relatively low elevations in this neighborhood, to the interceptor on Main Street. The development of water for this area was not completed, as there is little demand due to existing wells, and the costs would be prohibitive. We were able to install some sleeves for future water developments, should demand change. The sleeves will permit the eventual connections under the roadway and on/off ramps while keeping disruptions to the bridge, traffic, and pavement to a minimum. The total cost of the project so far is \$184,384, with the remaining \$115,616 carried forward.

Staff changes met us early in the year, and Vicki MacLaughlin joined us as our part time bookkeeper. Vicki has learned much in her first year with us, and continues to progress, much to the delight of our Auditors. Eve Quinn is new to the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office, and is an important asset for Mrs. Foley. Late this summer, Glenn Dadds joined our Highway Department as the working foreman, and Scott Clark started in the fall as a laborer/operator.

It is remarkable to point out how these new employees have complimented the great work our existing staff carries out. Several of our crew have been with us many years, and bring quite an institu-

tional memory, as well as a high caliber of professionalism and sincere interest in doing the job right. This type of service is very valuable to us as a community, and helps us make our jobs quite a bit more effective. Gordon Zampacorta, Albert Dionne, and Paul Petit continue to do a good job working Wednesdays and every weekend at the dump & transfer station. This is an example of one department with long serving, part time employees that gets the job done for all of us.

One area that we continue to have good fortune on is the relationship we maintain with vendors and contractors. For example, many of our vendors supply us with preferred pricing, making it beneficial to conduct our business locally. Contractors also seem to be there when we need them the most. We use private contractors to plow many of our highways. Sometimes, they work long hours, suffer with equipment breakdowns and little rest, and they still go home with a sense of satisfaction. We also use contractors to truck some of our recyclable material to market.

One trend we have tried to continue with as we manage the Town affairs is to contain employment costs. We have been successful by taking full time positions and making them part time. We have 3 part time employees doing the work of what was once 3 full time positions! This saves about \$15,000 per year just in Health Insurance benefit costs, and has had no impact on the quality of applicants, or the quality of services that we provide. This means that David, Judy, Phyllis and Linda have helped make up the difference, in addition to the work that was already theirs. We feel that we have provided improved tools and facilities, and our staff has answered with improved productivity and service.

Speaking of facilities, the new windows have been installed at the Town Hall & Police Station, and are quite an improvement! In exchange for supervision and daily lunch, we have used 3 prison inmate trustees from Rockingham County House of Corrections over the last year for various chores. The most visible project has been the paint and sheet rock repair work in our Town Hall. Carpeting was replaced due to damage from the heavy rains of October 1996, and paid partially by insurance.

We have succeeded in our bid to purchase the property at 37 Pleasant Street - also known as "Grimes Garage". This was bonded, and we anticipate making the bond obligations utilizing revenues from the Ambulance billing. Underground storage tanks were removed early this summer, and the hydraulic lift was removed inside. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has been satisfied with the progress, and closed their file for the property.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator have had success in other areas this year, too. Federal Funding has been voted and approved for a grant to the Town for Two Million dollars for our wastewater treatment plant upgrades. This was not an easy undertaking, and countless hours were spent in meetings and on the phone working with the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to move this through. This couldn't have been any better timed, with the pending revisions to our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Keep your eye out for 1998 as we hold public hearings on this important situation.

Water has been another important topic all year. Shortages this summer led us to turn on the oldest of our two available wells, and for the first time in several years, we failed an EPA/DES water quality test by having a presence of Total Coliform Bacteria. This was controlled with chlorine, but it points to the fact that more investment is required to expand our water department capabilities in the immediate future. Our Water System needs more storage, and more supply resources. Again, working in a number of areas, we feel progress is being made. Early in 1998, service will be conducted on the existing deep rock well to make certain it is pumping at its best capacity. Backup sources are under evaluation right now, and an emergency plan is being refined to meet state criteria. Our Schools and over 300 other properties rely on this for domestic and commercial water consumption, and some rely on sprinkler and fire suppression too. We can't ignore the needs of our system, and a good water system helps make Epping more attractive for development.

1997 marked the end of one Community Development Block Grant, and the initiation of another. NH Cooks has been opened and is in operation providing business skill assistance and commercial kitchen services on Church Street. For 1998, in conjunction with the Recreation Commission, we have initiated another CDBG application for \$330,000 for the renovation of Watson Academy, with an addition, into a Community Center serving our Town.

In a continuing effort to make information available and accessible, we report as follows. This fall, our organization published a newsletter that was mailed to everyone in town. We hope to continue that as often as practical - perhaps twice per year. Our public notices of meetings and hearings go up at the Town Hall - both inside and out, at the Post Office, and frequently at the Library. We have made strides with our Cable TV system rebuild and local access channel (ETV 58). The Cable bulletin board was started this fall, and is a popular avenue to help keep people informed. For those citizens out there on the World Wide Web, we have also improved our Internet Web services. There is a calendar of public meetings, copies of all meeting minutes from the Selectmen's Meetings in 1997, and many other resources. More is being added, and we do this entirely in-house, other than hosting.

Land Use issues have kept the Town busy this year as well. Amendments were adopted, and we have tried to keep pace on what the voters wish. Several complaints have been received and acted on, with what we hope is a successful conclusion for all involved.

We expect the audit to prove that our finances remain in good order. The property tax rate has remained stable for 3 years now, with the Town's portion continuing to go down. For the first time in probably 8 years the Town did not borrow in anticipation of taxes. We thank you all for paying your taxes and user fee obligations promptly to help make this possible.

In closing, we would like to applaud our neighbors - those elected and volunteers that continue to give selflessly to our community in an effort to make it better for all of us. Your success in these endeavors is obvious, and because of all our efforts, we contribute to make Epping a better place to live. □



1997 EPPING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Note: This is an abbreviated version of the meeting minutes. See the official record of the meeting on file with the Town Clerk, 157 Main Street.

March 18, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Harold K. LaPierre Jr. at 7:00 PM. The results of the election held Tuesday March 11, 1997 were read and are as follows.

Article 1

To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Selectman for 3 years

274 Stephen Emanouil
352 Roger Gauthier
536 Bob Johnson
417 Todd Trobaugh
Bob Johnson and Todd Trobaugh were elected

Treasurer for 1 year

397 Kathryn Brewer
939 Robert K. Dodge
238 Don Sisson
Kathryn Brewer was elected

Library Trustee for 3 years

742 Deborah McConnell
65 Mary Lou Nowe
Deborah McConnell was elected

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

796 Daniel W. Harvey
Daniel Harvey was elected

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years

770 Daniel W. Harvey
Daniel Harvey was elected

Fire Ward for 3 years

190 Bruce Chapman
73 David Pevear
10 Cliff Cray
Bruce Chapman was elected

Planning Board for 3 years

402 Robert Eldridge
605 Robert Graham
551 Ronald Nowe
Robert Graham and Ronald Nowe were elected

Board of Adjustment for 3 years

104 Andrew Beals
364 Paul Gatchell
208 Dorothy K. Hall
278 Linda Harding
282 James E. Marquardt
327 Kevin Murphy
Paul Gatchell and Kevin Murphy were elected

Budget Committee for 3 years

167 Andrew Beals
437 Dennis H. Gagnon
389 Dianne Gilbert
324 Timothy McCusker
422 Cheryl Ouellette
248 Richard Pimentel
362 Don Sisson
Dennis Gagnon, Dianne Gilbert and Cheryl Ouellette were elected

Article 2

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Epping Town Meeting? *[3/5 majority vote required, submitted by petition.]*

Results 518 YES 396 NO
549 needed to pass **Article 2 Failed**

Article 3

Are you in favor of amending Article 2, Highway Commercial Zone. Section 1.3 to delete gasoline or service stations as a permitted use in the zone. *[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.]*

Results 548 YES 328 NO
Article 3 Passed

Article 4

Are you in favor of amending Article 3, Industrial-Commercial Zone. Schedule II to add gasoline or service stations as a permitted use in the following locations in the zone, "Gasoline or Service Stations may only be located in an area bounded as follows: on the North-Mast Road, on the East and West a line 1300' from the centerline of Route 27 or to the property line, whichever is greater, on the South-Epping/ Brentwood town line." *[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.]*

Results 567 YES 299 NO
Article 4 Passed

Article 5

Are you in favor of amending Article 3, West Epping Commercial Business District, Article 3 the Industrial Commercial Zone, and Article 3 the Residential Zone to add gasoline or service stations as a permitted use in the following location in the above mentioned zones, "Gasoline and Service Stations may only be located in an area bounded as follows: on the North-the B&M Railroad (Fremont Branch) right-of-way, on the East-1500' in from the center of Beede Road or to the depth of the parcel or whichever is greater, on the South-Fremont town line, on the West-Beede Road." *[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.]*

Results 538 YES 321 NO

Article 5 Passed

Article 6

Are you in favor of amending Article 3, Central Business Zone, Minimum Front Setback to read: "15 feet. However, any property that has frontage on, or abuts, Route 125 (Calef Highway) shall have a minimum setback of 100 feet from the centerline of Route 125 (Calef Highway)." *[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.]*

Results 637 YES 231 NO
Article 6 Passed

Article 7

Are you in favor of amending Article 3, High Density Residential Zone, Minimum Front Setback to read: "25 feet. However, any property that has frontage on, or abuts, Route 125 (Calef Highway) shall have a minimum setback of 100 feet from the centerline of Route 125 (Calef Highway)." *[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.]*

Results 591 YES 261 NO
Article 7 Passed

Article 8

Are you in favor of amending Article 3, Residential Commercial Zone, Minimum Front Setback to read: "100 feet from the centerline of all existing roads and 75 feet from the centerline for proposed (non-existing) internal roads of Class V or

greater." *{Majority vote required.*

Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 591 YES 261 NO

Article 8 Passed

Article 9

Are you in favor of amending Article 7 Aquifer Protection District Zone to adopt the new, updated map entitled "Aquifer Protection District" based upon the data provided in "Geohydrology and Water Quality of Stratified-Drift Aquifers in the Exeter, Lamprey, and Oyster River Basins, Southeastern New Hampshire" prepared by the United States Geological Survey, and to revise Section 7.2 District Boundaries to read as follows: "7.2.1.

Location - The Aquifer Protection District is defined as follows: The Aquifer areas are labeled "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "G" and depicted as the shaded areas on...All uses within these districts shall be limited to uses permitted in the basic underlying zone." To Add to section 7.2.1 the following: "(1) Land affected by the Aquifer designated "D", which is hydrogeologically connected to the Lamprey River, shall only be covered by the following sections of this Article: 7.4.3, 7.4.5, 7.4.6, 7.4.7, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, and 7.8." Map is posted at Town Hall. *{Majority vote required.*

Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 554 YES 274 NO

Article 9 Passed

Article 10

Are you in favor of amending Article 19 Sign Ordinance Table 19.1 as posted at Town Hall. Changes made to this Table include modifications on sign size, provisions regarding corner lots, and multiple tenants. *{Majority vote required.*

Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 543 YES 288 NO

Article 10 Passed

Article 11

Are you in favor of amending Article 12, Definitions, by adding the following: "Dual Use: A use of land where a single parcel, site, or property is used for two distinct uses, both of which are permitted uses in the zone and meet all other town

and zoning requirements. A dual use designation cannot be used to expand a non-conforming or non-permitted use or be acquired through the variance process."

{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 570 YES 262 NO

Article 11 Passed

Article 12

Are you in favor of adopting Article 20 Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance as posted at Town Hall. This ordinance shall provide for regulation of telecommunications facilities in the Town through a Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board. This ordinance permits co-location on existing structures and facilities in the Highway-Commercial and Residential-Commercial zones and new towers in the Industrial Commercial zone, subject to the Conditional Use Permit.

{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 566 YES 264 NO

Article 12 Passed

Article 13

Are you in favor of amending the Excavation Ordinance, General Procedures as posted at the Town Hall. This amendment creates a threshold amount requiring Planning Board review for an excavation.

{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.}

Results 540 YES 299 NO

Article 13 Passed

Article 14

Are you in favor of amending the Excavation Ordinance, Section VII. OPERATIONAL STANDARDS, by revising 23 to correlate with the Town Noise Ordinance as posted at the Town Hall. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.}*

Results 534 YES 303 NO

Article 14 Passed

ARTICLES TAKEN UP ON MARCH 18, 1997

Article 15

To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to purchase land and buildings and to make repairs or improvements at 37 Pleasant Street Tax Map 12 lot 247; of **one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)** of such sum to be raised **through the issuance of bonds or notes** etc. *{Ballot Vote Required. 2/3rd Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

Results: The article was voted on by ballot. Voting started at 7:40 PM and the Ballot Box was closed at 8:40. Kim Sullivan explained that there is money available in the Ambulance Fund which is specifically designated for a Safety Complex. This money could be used to make the bond payments. As a result, there should be no impact on the tax rate. This article is for purchasing the property only, and any future improvements would require additional funding. If tests show that the property is not environmentally sound, the selectmen can decide not to go through with the purchase. There were 188 YES votes cast and 63 NO votes for a total of 251. Needed to pass - 168.

Article 15 Passed

Article 16

To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.

Results: There was no discussion.

Article 16 passed with a hand vote.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts ...

Results: There was no discussion.

Article 17 passed with a hand vote.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and

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TOWN MEETING MINUTES Cont.

devises made to the Town in trust ...

Results: There was no discussion.

Article 18 passed with a hand vote.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 902-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, ...and further to require that prior to the acceptance of any such gift, valued at over five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance.

Results: There was no discussion.

Article 19 passed with a hand vote.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 674:40-a(1), to accept on behalf of the Town dedicated streets which have first been approved by the Planning Board as part of a subdivision plat, site plan, or street plat.

Results: There was no discussion.

Article 20 passed with a hand vote.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to retain the property known as Folsum Park, off Joshua Lane, Map 10 Lots 158 004 through 018 for public purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission. Results: Conservation Chairman Gerry Langdon explained that the land is on the Raymond-Epping line and abuts the Lamprey River. The property was taken by the Town for nonpayment of taxes 2 years ago and was given to the Conservation Commission to manage.

Results: The article was voted on and

Article 21 passed with a hand vote.

Article 22

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Epping, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000); for a person 80 years of age or older thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). To qualify, the person

must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than twenty one thousand dollars (\$21,000); and own net assets not in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Results: Roger Gauthier made a motion to increase the income limitation of a married couple to \$29,000. The motion was seconded by Heather Kyle. David Barker explained that the language of the article is prescribed by state statute. The income limitations do include Social Security, and the assets do not include the value of the person's home. **The amendment was passed** with a hand vote. **Article 22 as amended to read "if married, a combined net income of less than twenty nine thousand dollars (\$29,000)"** was then voted by secret ballot. The vote was 187 YES, 26 NO.

Article 22 as Amended was Passed

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to purchase land and buildings and to make repairs or improvements at 37 Pleasant Street Tax Map 12 lot 247, and to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the Safety Complex Fund for this purpose.

Results: ...A motion was made and seconded to Table the article. A hand vote was taken.

Article 23 was Tabled

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to accept the streets of East Delaney Road, Woodlands Drive, and Dorothy Drive, approximately one (1) mile of roadway.

Results: Jack Collins asked if this article were to pass, what would this mean to the Town. Lee Limperis explained that the Town would be responsible for plowing, sanding, patching, and generally maintaining the roads. Shawn Patton, resident of the Woodlands, addressed the current condition of the roads. The roads have

been resurfaced recently and are in better condition than many current Town roads. After much discussion, a motion was made by Tom Gauthier to move the question. It was seconded by George Melanson. A hand vote was taken.

Article 24 was Passed

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the importation and land spreading of wastewater treatment sludge/ biosolids, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether it be wet, dry, composted, pelletized, mixed with other materials or injected on or into the land of the Town of Epping.

Results: A motion was made by Michael O'Leary to table this article since the State will be making laws to control this issue. The motion was seconded by Nancy Haberstroh. A hand vote was taken and the votes counted. The vote was 112 YES, 88 NO.

Article 25 was Tabled

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing by-laws relating to the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle race tracks using the attached text "BY-LAWS RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE RACE TRACKS".

Results: After much discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Graham to table the article. It was seconded by Bob Johnson. A hand vote was taken and the count was 111 YES, 92 NO.

Article 26 was Tabled

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association.

Results: A hand vote was taken.

Article 27 passed.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)** for the purpose of expansion to the Town's water and sewer utilities and to authorize the **transfer of \$200,000 of the December 31, 1996 Water Fund balance, and to**

authorize the transfer of \$100,000 of the December 31, 1996 Sewer Fund balance for this purpose.

Results: After discussion, a hand vote was taken and the count was 95 YES, 70 NO.

Article 28 Passed

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for improvements and repairs to the Town Hall property...

Results: Dave Barker explained that the plan was to first replace the windows on the first floor at an estimate of \$35,000. The next priority would be new shingles for the roof since there are several leaks. Paul Spidle made a motion to amend the article to increase the dollar amount to \$60,000 with the additional moneys being used to include gutters or a method to divert rain water. The motion was seconded by Virginia LaPierre. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and **the amend-**

ment passed. The amended article **"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for improvements ... and rain gutters."** was voted by hand.
Article 29 as Amended Passed

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty one thousand eight hundred fifty five dollars (\$31,855) to be distributed to the organizations listed below in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during 1996:

[Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and \$30, 355 recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.]

Results: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the funding of individual agencies, and several unsuccessful attempts to amend the article. Roger Gauthier then spoke of 2 unfavorable incidents with Seacoast Mental Health. He made a motion to amend the article to reduce the funding for Seacoast Mental Health from \$2000 to \$0. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Frederick. A hand vote was taken and the **amendment passed.** A motion was made by Rob Graham and seconded by Roger Gauthier to move the amended article. A Ballot Vote was requested. The amended article **"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty nine thousand eight hundred fifty five dollars (\$29,855) to be distributed to the organizations listed, in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during 1996, with no funding going to Seacoast Mental Health."** was voted by secret ballot. The results are 127 YES, 32 NO.

Article 30 as Amended Passed

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** for updating and adding to the Epping base and overlay maps used in the planning and land use processes.

Results: A hand vote was taken.

Article 31 Passed

AGENCY	REQUESTED	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	BUDCOM. RECOMMEND
A Safe Place	750	500	500
American Red Cross	1500	0	0
Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service	2900	2610	2610
Child and Family Services	4500	4500	4500
Lamprey Health Care	3500	3400	3400
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300
Richie McFarland Children's Center	2750	2475	2475
Rockingham County Community Action Program	8991	5000	3500
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels Program	2242	2220	2220
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	6800	0	0
Seacoast Aids Response	1000	0	0
Seacoast Big Brother/ Big Sister Program	6120	6120	6120
Seacoast Hospice	1500	1480	1480
Sexual Assault Support Services	1250	1250	1250
Seacoast Mental Health	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL	46103	31855	30355

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Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000)** for the first of three phases which will result in complete re-map and replacement of the Epping town tax maps.

Results: David Barker commented that the

Town would own the rights when the maps were completed. He would also recommend that the Planning Board recommend each future subdivision to include a computer disk with mapping information. This would enable us to update the maps as future changes occur. After discussion, Rob Graham made a motion to amend the article to add the phrase **"This project will go out for bid."** It was seconded by Roger Gauthier. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and **the amendment passed.** The amended article was voted by hand.

Article 32 as Amended was Passed

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to purchase furnishings and equipment to convert the basement meeting room of the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library into a Children and youth Library and to pay salary and employee overhead costs for staffing.

Results: Bill Channel asked if the meeting room would still be available for meetings. Deborah McConnell replied that the room would be used by the children only during the daytime, and would be available for meetings in the evenings. It is her understanding that as long as there is a provision for joint usage, the arrangement would not be in violation of the Lydia

Ladd Trust. Theresa Kucera explained the hope that additional children's programs could be planned for Saturday mornings and after school. The biggest cost would be that of staffing the area. A hand vote was taken.

Article 33 Passed

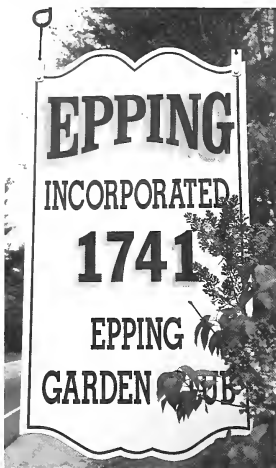
Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred five thousand three hundred ninety four dollars (\$2,205,394) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Said sum does not include the special warrant articles herein contained.

Results: Cliff Cray made a motion to amend the article to include \$7500 for the purpose of contracting a lease purchase agreement on a new ambulance. This will cover one half year, from June 1997 to December 1997. It is estimated that the ambulance will cost \$65,000 and \$15,000 of this cost would come from donations to the Ambulance Fund. The remaining \$50,000 would be paid over a 4 year period. The motion was seconded by Todd Trobaugh. After discussion, **the amendment passed with a hand vote.** The amended article reading **"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred twelve thousand eight hundred ninety four dollars (\$2,212,894) which represents the operating budget of the Town. This figure includes an addition of \$7500 to the ambulance budget for the purpose of contracting a lease purchase agreement on a new ambulance, from June 1997 to December 1997. Said sum does not include the special warrant articles herein contained."** was voted by hand. **Article 34 as Amended was Passed** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Foley
Town Clerk



TOP: Epping Garden Club signs welcome visitors to Epping.

BOTTOM: Epping's future, members of Epping Elementary School at the Christmas concert, December, 1997.

Tax Information

TAX COLLECTOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Linda Foley,
Tax Collector

	1997	1996	1995	1994 & PRIOR
Property Taxes Uncollected, Committed and Other Debits				
Uncollected Taxes				
Property		754,889.00		
Yield		1,555.00		
Water & Sewer		50,253.00	2.00	1,136.00
Total		806,697.00	2.00	1,136.00
Taxes Committed				
Property	5,570,956.00	489.00		
Land Use Change	61,757.00			
Yield	5,559.00			
Water & Sewer	200,417.00	38,904.00		
Total	5,838,689.00	39,393.00		
Overpaid/Refund				
Property	16,626.00	6,947.00	1,511.00	
Land Use Change			9,898.00	
Water & Sewer	558.00			
Total	17,184.00	6,947.00	11,409.00	
Interest & Penalty				
Taxes	8,252.00	45,446.00		445.00
Water & Sewer	368.00	3,297.00		
Total	8,620.00	48,743.00		445.00
Adjustments	314.00	761.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	5,864,807.00	902,541.00	11,411.00	1,581.00

Property Taxes Collected, Abated and Other Credits

Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Tax	5,007,186.00	324,564.00		
Land Use Change	56,197.00			
Yield	4,570.00	1,555.00		656.00
Water & Sewer	126,237.00	76,709.00	2.00	
Interest & Penalties				

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Tax Information

TAX COLLECTOR
Cont.

	1997	1996	1995	1994 & PRIOR
Taxes	8,252.00	45,446.00		445.00
Water & Sewer	368.00	3,297.00		
Total	5,202,810.00	451,571.00	2.00	1,101.00
Converted to Lien				
Taxes		423,058.00		
Water & Sewer		11,008.00		
Total		434,066.00		
Abatements				
Property Taxes	8,410.00	14,101.00	1,511.00	
Land Use Change	5,030.00		9,898.00	
Water & Sewer	77.00	2,110.00		
Total	13,517.00	16,211.00	11,409.00	
Uncollected				
Property Taxes	573,062.00			
Land Use Change	530.00			
Yield	988.00			480.00
Water & Sewer	73,900.00	25.00		
Total	648,480.00	25.00		480.00
Adjustments		668.00		
TOTAL CREDITS	8,564,807.00	902,541.00	11,411.00	1,581.00

	1996	1995	1994	1993 & PRIOR
Liens Taken for Unpaid Taxes				
Beginning Balance				
Tax Liens		274,507.00	195,216.00	74,080.00
Water & Sewer Liens		14,093.00	2,872.00	3,585.00
Total		288,600.00	198,088.00	77,665.00
Liens Executed				
Taxes	454,300.00			
Water & Sewer	13,258.00			
Total	467,558.00			
Interest & Costs				
Tax Liens	8,559.00	20,661.00	41,446.00	4,234.00
W & S Liens	24.00	727.00		350.00
Total	8,583.00	21,388.00	41,446.00	4,584.00
Refunds	57.00			
TOTAL DEBITS	476,198.00	309,988.00	239,534.00	82,249.00

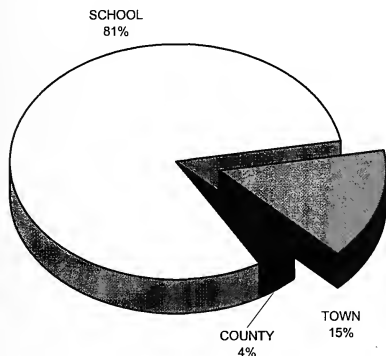
To Treasurer

Redemptions				
Tax Liens	193,418.00	103,995.00	158,053.00	12,391.00
W & S Liens	2,238.00	4,327.00		
Interest & Costs				
Tax Liens	8,559.00	20,661.00	41,446.00	4,234.00

	1996	1995	1994	1993 & PRIOR
Tax Liens	8,559.00	20,661.00	41,446.00	4,234.00
W & S Liens	24.00	727.00		350.00
TOTAL	204,239.00	129,710.00	199,499.00	16,975.00
Abatements	9,300.00	9,863.00	7,451.00	13,757.00
Adjustments		367.00		
Uncollected				
Tax Liens	251,639.00	160,282.00	29,712.00	47,932.00
W & S Liens	11,020.00	9,766.00	2,872.00	3,585.00
Total	262,659.00	170,048.00	32,584.00	51,517.00
TOTAL CREDITS	476,198.00	309,988.00	239,534.00	82,249.00

TAX COLLECTOR
Cont.

1997 EPPING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS



TOWN
COUNTY
SCHOOL

RATES	
TOWN	4.64
COUNTY	1.27
SCHOOL	24.65
TAX RATE	30.56

Town Tax Assessment
County Tax Assessment
School Assessment

Tax Effort

FINAL RATE 8/23/97	
Assessed Valuation	183,622,958

Total	BPT			
	Approp/due	Revenue	Revenue	War serv.
	851,662	2,802,748	1,969,236	27,253
	233,913	239,552	5,639	45,403
4,525,833	5,839,722	1,229,311	84,578	
5,611,408				

Overlay Maximum = \$561,141

TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES

MAP	LOT	LOCATION	VALUATION
04	034	Off Camp Lee Road	28,500
07	046-00	A Plumer Road	3,900
07	086-1	Cor. Plumer & Red Oak Hill	25,000
08	074	Jacobswell Road	26,700
08	075	Jacobs Well Road	49,700
08	092	130 Old Hedding Road	25,900
08	099	135 Old Hedding Road	97,600
08	130	Cowdin Meadow	30,100
09	080-1	Birch Road	43,500
09	090	Route 27	28,400
09	098	Birch Road	55,500
10	090	32 Friend Street	102,600
10	106	Mill Road	54,800
10	109	Mill Road	4,100
10	138	27 Mill Pond Road	45,700



MAP	LOT	LOCATION	VALUATION
10	152	Depot Road	44,800
10	158-004	Joshua Lane	25,200
10	158-005	Quakerfield Drive	25,400
10	158-006	Quakerfield Drive	25,500
10	158-007	Quakerfield Drive	25,700
10	158-009	Quakerfield Drive	25,500
10	158-010	Joshua Lane	25,800
10	158-011	Joshua Lane	25,700
10	158-012	Joshua Lane	25,900
10	158-013	Joshua Lane	25,900
10	158-014	Joshua Lane	25,800
10	158-015	Joshua Lane	25,300
10	158-016	Joshua Lane	26,100
10	158-017	Joshua Lane	25,500
10	158-018	Joshua Lane	27,300
10	179-A	Route 101 West	3,300
10	179-B	Route 101	1,500
10	179-C	Off Route 101	2,200
10	180-1	Off Route 101	25,500
10	270	Witham Road	25,200
10	274	Off Prescott Road	26,100
10	276	Folsom Mill Road	73,300
11	044	Pleasant Street	240,800
11	122	Fremont Road	2,100
11	127-004	Fremont Road	22,000
11	131	Beebe Road	25,100
12	027-A	Academy Street	482,700
12	037	Pleasant Street	7,200
12	039-001	Cate Street	35,700
12	040	Cate Street	45,000
12	068	Lagoon Road	1,509,900
12	119-001	Calef Highway	2,600
12	225	157 Main Street	584,900
12	226	151 Main Street	143,400
12	227	147 Main Street	111,200
12	247	Pleasant Street	116,000
12	252	Main & Water Streets	27,800
12	299	Main Street & Calef Hwy	114,200
12	346-001	Bunker Avenue	15,100
12	350	Water Street	17,200
12	380	Water Street	25,000
12	382	Mill Street	18,000

Epping get wired for a new cable system.

MS-4 REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES

Due September 1

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	For use by Town	Reserved for Use By DRA
	TAXES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		55,000	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Yield Taxes		4,000	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Int. & Pen. on Delinquent Taxes		115,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses (UCC & Certificates)		18,000	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		472,245	
3230	Building Permits		23,000	
3290	Other licenses, Permits & Fees		3,600	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		25,182	
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenue		59,084	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		37,492	
3353	Highway Block Grant		109,312	
3354	Water Pollution Grants			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimburse			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other Miscellaneous			
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		229,105	
3409	Other Charges			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		15,000	

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MS-4 REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES *Continued**Due September 1*

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	For use by Town	Reserved for Use By DRA
Acct.			
3502 Interest on Investments		30,000	
3503-3509 Other		45,000	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3912 Special Revenue Fund			
3913 From Capital Projects Funds			
3914 Enterprise Fund			
Sewer (Offset)	28	233,320	
Water (Offset)	28	286,970	
Electric			
Airport			
3915 From Capital Reserve Fund			
3916 From Trust & Agency Funds			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3934 Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds	15	150,000	
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		1,911,310	
General Fund Balance			
	For Municipal Use XXXXXXX		
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$362,952	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Voted from "Surplus"	\$0		
Fund Balance - Retained	\$155,000	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$207,952	207,952	
TOTAL REVENUE & CREDITS		2,119,262	

REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)

\$150,026

Prepared by David Barker, Town Administrator

September 18, 1997

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted	For Use by Dept. of Revenue
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
4130-4139	Executive		165,550	
4140-4149	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics		66,845	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		52,501	
4152	Revaluation of Property		9,500	
4153	Legal Expense		16,500	
4331	Administration			
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	31	59,150	
4194	General Govt. Buildings		37,700	
4195	Cemetaries		1,450	
4190	Insurance		46,000	
4197	Advertise. & Reg. Assoc. Dues.		6,500	
4359	Other General Government			
PUBLIC SAFETY			xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
4210-4214	Police		449,839	
4215-4219	Ambulance		128,237	
4220-4229	Fire		75,810	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		31,600	
4290-4298	Emergency Management			
4299	Other Public Safety			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
4301	Administration			
4302	Airport Operations			
4309	Other			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
4311	Administration			
4313	Highways and Bridges		318,553	
4316	Street Lighting		14,000	
4319	Other			
SANITATION			xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
4321	Administration		44,825	
4323	Solid Waste Collection			

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS Continued

Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted	For Use by Dept. of Revenue
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		151,100	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		133,320	
WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4331	Administration			
4337	Water Services		86,970	
4338-4339	Water Treatment, Cons. & Other			
ELECTRIC			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4351	Administration			
4352	Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equip Maint.			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
HEALTH			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4411	Administration			
4416	Pest Control		2,480	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	30	9,710	
WELFARE			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		30,915	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	30	20,145	
CULTURE & RECREATION			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		60,800	
4550-4559	Library	33	61,300	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			
CONSERVATION			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4611-4612	Admin. & Purchases of Nat. Resources			
4619	Other Conservation		400	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		1,000	
DEBT SERVICE			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		130,000	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS Continued

Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted	For Use by Dept. of Revenue
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		30,048	
4723	Interest on TANS		20,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements	15,29	210,000	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings			
4999	Imprv. other than Buildgins	27,28,32	329,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4359	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer-			
	Water			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund			
4916	To Expend. Trust Funds (not Health Maint.)			
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Fund			
4919	To Agency Funds			
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			2,802,748	

Completed in accordance with the Special Notes for Completing the MS-2 form, as printed on the original form promulgated by the Department of Revenue Administration, as revised for 1997.

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

LAND	(Item 1A, B, C, & D) List all improved and unimproved land (including wells, septic, and paving)	A C R E S	1997 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use by DRA (Prior Year Valuation)
BUILDINGS	(Items 2A, B, & C) - List all the buildings			
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5, & 8			
	A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)	9,664	\$1,065,619	
	B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values)	0	\$0	
	C. Residential	9,876	\$48,793,202	
	D. Commercial / Industrial	974	\$7,581,717	
	E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C, & D)	20,515	\$57,440,538	
	F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable \$4,521,483	839	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5, & 8			
	A. Residential		\$104,072,487	
	B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$7,746,300	
	C. Commercial / Industrial		\$10,816,170	
	D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B, & C)		\$122,634,957	
	E. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable \$8,992,783		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3	PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water co. serving public (RSA 72:11 & 12)		\$0	
4	PUBLIC UTILITIES Value of all property used in production, transmission, easement	Gas		
5	and distribution including production machinery, land, landrights, Furnish breakdown by	Electric	\$6,042,464	
6	Individual company in space provided on page 4, (RSA 72:12)	Oil Pipeline		
7	Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			
8	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS. (Total of 1E, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7)		\$186,117,958	
9	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 7	\$15,000	\$105,000	
10	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:38, 72:43-f, & 72:43-h 96	\$2,390,000	\$2,390,000	
11	Physically Handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a 0			
12	Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b 0	\$0		
13	Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66 0	\$0		
14	School Din./Dorm/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 0	\$0		
15	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a 0	\$0		
16	Wood Heating Energy System Exemption RSA 72:69 0	\$0		
17	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)		\$2,495,000	
18	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)		\$183,622,958	

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES <small>The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column above.</small>		Amount Apportioned to School (RSA 362-A:6 III)
	Municipality	
19 State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation &/or Flood Control Land (MS-4 #3356 & 7)	0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
20 Other - From MS-4 Account 3186	0	0
21 Other - From MS-4 Account 3186	0	0
22 Other - From MS-4 Account 3186	0	0

TAX CREDITS	Limits	Number	Estimated Tax Credits
23 Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. Assistance	Unlimited	1	\$0
24 Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action	\$1,400	3	\$4,200
25 Other War Service Credits	\$100	272	\$27,200
26 Other Credits (Wood, Solar, ETC.)	XXXXXX	1	\$14,003
27. TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXXXX	276	\$45,403

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT						
NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WITH INITIAL APPLICATION FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR			TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR			
Age	Number	Amount	Age	Number	Amount	Total
65-74	37	At \$20,000	65-74	36	At \$20,000	\$720,000
75-79	26	At \$25,000	75-79	26	At \$25,000	\$650,000
80 +	34		80 +	34	At \$30,000	\$1,020,000
			TOTAL*	96		\$2,390,000
(*Must agree with Item 10 Page 2)						

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY			
Name of Company	Gas	Electric	Oil Pipeline
NH Electric Cooperative		336,764	
Properties Inc.		407,700	
PSNH		5,298,000	
TOTAL		6,042,464	

General Government

Linda Foley
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK

We have gone through a full year of issuing plates, and have seen an increase of 30% in activity for state work. Dog licensing is another area of growing activity. Licensing in 1997 increased by 15% over 1996, as more residents became aware of the state law. We have a new Dump Sticker procedure. The permit is much larger in size, and the expiration coincides with the expiration of the resident's auto registration. These permits will be changing yearly, in an effort to keep dump users current with our changing population. □

The Town Clerk's Office had the following activity for 1997.

REVENUE		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	6,756	499,294.00
Municipal Agent Transactions	5,199	12,997.50
Dog Licenses	491	3,039.50
Dump Permits	1,639	1,639.00
Marriage Licenses	32	1,440.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	116	922.00
UCC Filings	277	2,771.68
Federal Liens Filed	22	330.00
Miscellaneous		664.08
Total Remitted to Treasurer		523,097.76

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee and the other boards have met regularly, working hard to balance revenue with expenses. This is a difficult task. The Town is continuing to have a stable tax rate. Our goal will be to maintain that consistency in the future.

Our Town's greatest challenge for the future will be to balance the growth of the community with the needs of its infrastructure. This includes the ability to provide services such as water, sewer, police, fire/emergency services, school needs, and roads. It appears that our Town's growth has been constant and will continue. The proposed growth of the corner of Route 125 and 101 sounds promising. With this increased growth we have a greater need for communications, planning, and community involvement. To this end, the broadcasting of our Town's committee meeting is a positive step forward.

The Budget Committee would like to extend an invitation to the Townspeople to attend Budget meetings and become involved. Most meetings are held on the third Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., at the Town Hall. Televised meetings will be on Channel 58. Check posted minutes for further dates and times of meetings. □

James P. McGeough

Chairman

Roy Judd

Vice Chair

Cheryl Oulette

Secretary

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Selectman's Rep

Tom Carleton

School Board Rep

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Dennis Gagnon

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EPPING

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1997 Town and School WARRANTS & BUDGETS



For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 1997



WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF EPPING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Epping, in the County of Rockingham qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 157 Main Street in said Epping on Tuesday, March 10th, 1998 at 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and at the Epping Middle High School Gymnasium located on Prescott Road on Tuesday, March 17th, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following:

TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY, MARCH 10th, 1998:

ARTICLE 1 To choose the following: two for Board of Adjustment for three (3) year terms, three for Municipal Budget Committee for three (3) year terms, one for Municipal Budget Committee for a one (1) year term, one for Cemetery Trustee for a three (3) year term, one for Fireward for a three (3) year term, one for Library Trustee for a three (3) year term, one for Planning Board for a three (3) year term, two for Selectman for three (3) year terms, one Supervisor of Checklist for a six (six) year term, one Town Clerk for a three (3) year term, one Tax Collector for a three (3) year term, one Moderator for a two (2) year term, one for Treasurer for a one (1) year term, and one for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 2 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Epping Town Meeting? *{3/5 majority vote required, submitted by petition.}*

ARTICLE 3 Are you in favor of amending the Rural Residential Zone, Section 7.2. Lot Dimensions And Setback Requirements, to change the minimum lot size to 88,000 square feet. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 4 Are you in favor of amending the Residential Zone, Section 6.2. Lot Dimensions And Setback Requirements, to change the minimum lot size to 60,000 square feet. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 5 Are you in favor of REPEALING from section 5.10 in the High Density Residential Zone the subsection titled Land Located in Two Zones. This action would prohibit people owning land partially in the High Density Residential Zone from declaring the entire parcel High Density Residential. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 6 Are you in favor of amending the Aquifer Protection District section 7.4.1 Minimum Lot Size to establish a new formula for lot sizes that corresponds to the availability of water in the aquifer. This amendment would have the affect of basing the minimum required lot size on soil based lot sizes multiplied by a factor that corresponds with the degree of water availability within the aquifer as delineated on the Aquifer Protection District Map. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 7 Are you in favor of REPEALING Article 15 Residential Cluster Development Ordinance in its entirety. This action would remove the option of establishing a cluster development within Epping. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 8 Are you in favor of amending section 4.8 of the Central Business District and section 5.8 of the High Density Residential Zone, both titled "Manufactured Housing Use Regulations" to prohibit the new establishment, but permit the continued existence and replacement, of manufactured homes on lots within these zones. This amendment would allow existing manufactured homes to continue and be replaced, but would prohibit the new placement of manufactured homes on lots in the Central Business District and the High Density Residential Zone. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 9 Are you in favor of amending section 1.3 Permitted Uses of the Highway/Commercial Zone and Schedule II of the Industrial/Commercial Zone to allow for Flexible Use Development. This amendment would allow for an applicant to apply for a conditional use permit to establish a use not specifically permitted in the zone provided that certain criteria are addressed and met, relating to: off-site impacts, consistency with surrounding areas, protection of surrounding property values, and resource protection. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 10 Are you in favor of amending Article 19 Sign Ordinance to completely replace and revise the existing requirements and limitations for the Industrial/Commercial Zone for multi-use shopping centers. This amendment would provide new restrictions and requirements for signage in the Industrial/Commercial Zone for such uses. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 11 Are you in favor of amending Section 3.9.5. Circulation and Parking to change the parking space required size to nine feet by eighteen feet. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

ARTICLE 12 Are you in favor "The stockpiling and landspreading of Class B sewage sludge containing heavy metals, pathogens, parasites, radioactivity and hazardous organic compounds: and the stockpiling and landspreading of industrial paper mill sludge containing cyanide, dioxins, furans, and other toxic chemicals, is not allowed in the Town of Epping. This ordinance shall not apply to any facility owned and/or operated by the Town of Epping for the disposal of sewage/septage generated within the Town of Epping, New Hampshire." *{By Petition. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board}.*

TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY, MARCH 17th, 1998:

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the purposes of purchasing property and constructing a well for the Water Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, or loans, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative there to. *{Ballot vote required. 2/3rd Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to discontinue and forever abandon interest in the Class 6 Highway known as School Street located off Holt Road. *{By Petition. Majority vote required. }*

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Board of Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gift, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.}*

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.}*

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of any such gift, valued at over five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Library Trustees.}*

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Cable Television Ordinance:

Cable Television Ordinance

Required broadcast -As a minimum the Epping Board of Selectmen meetings, Epping Town Meetings, and Epping School District Meetings are required to be broadcast live except when technical problems arise that prevent broadcast. Examples of problems that could prevent broadcast are local equipment failures, operator support, and difficulties with the Media One network. Other town or school boards or committees may be broadcast live at their request without additional permission from the governing body.

Funding/budget for the local Government/Education channel - The annual budget to run Epping TV (EPTV) shall not exceed franchise fees paid by Media One (or cable provider) from the previous year.

Major Equipment purchases may be brought to the Town or School District by Special Warrant Article and are excluded from the budget limitations stated above. *{By petition. Majority vote required.}*

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purposes of locating and repairing extraneous flows in the Sewer collection system. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$47,735) from the Public Safety Facilities and Equipment special revenue fund established in 1996. The purpose of said appropriation is to pay long term debt principal and interest for the Pleasant Street Property acquisition. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600) for the purpose of completing the replacement tax map project started in 1997. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$5,600) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in any possible Pooled Energy Programs in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire. *{Majority vote required. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand forty nine dollars (\$25,049) to be distributed to the organizations listed below in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during 1997: *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

Agency	Requested	Selectmen Recommend	BudCom. Recommend
A Safe Place	500	500	500
American Red Cross	1500	1000	1000
Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service	2900	2610	2610
Child and Family Services	4500	0	0
Lamprey Health Care	3400	3400	3400
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300
Richie McFarland Children's Center	3300	2475	2475
Rockingham County Community Action Program	11244	3500	3500
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels Program	2394	2394	2394
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	6800	0	0
Seacoast Aids Response	500	0	0
Seacoast Big Brother/Big Sister Program	6120	6120	6120
Seacoast Hospice	1500	1500	1500
Sexual Assault Support Services	1250	1250	1250
Seacoast Mental Health	2000	0	0
TOTAL	48208	25049	25049

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 674:40-a(1), to accept on behalf of the Town dedicated streets which have first been approved by the Planning Board as part of a subdivision plat, site plan, or street plat. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.}*

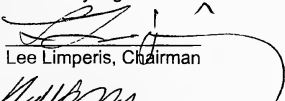
ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred eighty five thousand eight hundred seven dollars (\$2,285,807) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Said sum does not include the special warrant articles herein contained. *{Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

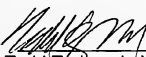
ARTICLE 27 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of establishing the 1998 operating budget for the Epping Educational/Local Government Access Channel (cable channel 58), and also create a new Cable TV category in the town's regular operating budget for succeeding years. The budget as prepared by the Epping Cable TV Steering Committee includes wages for equipment operators and a part time director (\$9000), equipment maintenance and repair (\$1000), supplies such as video tapes (\$2000), new equipment purchases (\$2000), and consultation fees to hire outside experts to assist with system problems if they arise (\$1000). This expenditure is to be funded by revenues received from Media One in the form of franchise fees. The estimated amount of 1998 franchise fees exceeds \$16,000. . *{By petition. Majority vote required. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.}*

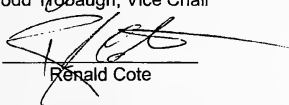
ARTICLE 28 To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.

ARTICLE 29 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight.


Lee Limperis, Chairman


Todd Trobaugh, Vice Chair


Ronald Cote


Bob Johnson


Kim A. Sullivan

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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF EPPING N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or
for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink)

William J. Gilbert
Robert G. Gault
Camille A. Scholmer

Date 2/7/98

Cheryl A. Quallotte

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Budget of the Town of Epping

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warrant Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Board of Selectmen		Budget Committee	
					1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended	1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4120-4129	Executive		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
			155,805	137,293	155,929		155,929	
4140-4145	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics		36,532	46,671	46,671		46,671	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		52,501	43,900	86,715		86,715	
4152	Revaluation of Property		9,500	2,154	2,000		2,000	
4153	Legal Expense		16,500	15,805	16,500		16,500	
4154-4158	Personnel Administration							
			53,150	39,229	52,830		52,830	
4161-4163	Planning & Zoning		37,700	28,553	35,700		35,700	
4164	General Govt. Buildings		1,450	1,400	1,400		1,400	
4165	Cemeteries		46,000	38,730	45,000		45,000	
4166	Insurance		8,000	50	7,500		7,500	
4167	Advertise, & Reg. Assoc. Dues.							
4168	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
			XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4210-4216	Police		449,839	531,964	424,278		434,061	
4216-4219	Ambulance		120,737	105,588	153,712		153,712	
4220-4226	Fire		75,810	70,356	118,834		113,834	
4240-4246	Building Inspection		31,600	21,888	23,676		23,676	
4250-4256	Emergency Management							
4256	Other Public Safety							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
			XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4301-4308	Airport Operations							

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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warrant Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Board of Selectmen		Budget Committee	
					1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended	1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311-4312	Admin. Highway		XXXXXXX 318,553	XXXXXXX 279,513	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting		14,000	13,905	15,270		15,270	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321-4323	Admin & Solid Waste Collection		XXXXXXX 44,825	XXXXXXX 50,412	XXXXXXX 59,849	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX 59,849	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		151,100	90,324	105,828		105,828	
4326	Solid Waste Cleanup							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		133,320	57,278	111,850		111,850	
WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT								
4331-4332	Admin & Water Services		XXXXXXX 86,970	XXXXXXX 64,252	XXXXXXX 79,036	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX 79,036	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
4336-4339	Water Treatment, Cons. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin & Generation		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equip Maint.							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH & WELFARE								
4411-4414	Admin, ACO & Pest Control		XXXXXXX 2,480	XXXXXXX 1,181	XXXXXXX 2,325	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX 2,325	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	24	7,490	7,490	7,510		7,510	
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		30,915	13,526	18,211		18,211	

Budget of the Town of Epping

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warrant Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Board of Selectmen		Budget Committee	
					1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended	1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4446	Vendor Payments & Other	24	23,455	23,455	17,539		17,539	
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4528	Parks & Recreation		60,800	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4529-4556	Library		61,300	46,300	78,623		78,623	
					64,000		64,000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1000	1045	1,100		1,100	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purchases of Nat. Resources		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4619	Other Conservation		400	1,582	1,000		1,000	
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		1,000	1,720	1,500		1,500	
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
			130,000	130,000	170,000		170,000	
4712	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		30,048	29,150	29,762		29,762	
4723	Interest on TANS		20,000	6,250	7,500		7,500	
4750-4759	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4801	Land & Improvements		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4802	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4803	Buildings							

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If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special Warrant Articles are defined in RSA 323, VI, as 1) Petitioned Warrant Articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law such as Capital Reserve or Trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing on nontransferable article.

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warrant Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Board of Selectmen		Budget Committee	
					1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended	1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended
	Cable TV Department	27				15,000	15,000	
	Tax Maps - Phase II	22			36,600		36,600	
	New Well Project Bond Vote	13			550,000		550,000	
	Sewer Collection System Repairs	19			50,000		50,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	636,600	XXXXXXX	651,600	XXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Please note: "Individual Warrant Articles" are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warrant Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Board of Selectmen		Budget Committee	
					1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended	1998 Recommended	1998 Not Recommended
	Electric Aggregation Planning	23						5600
	Support Epping Youth Athletic Assoc.	20	3000	3000	3,000	5600	3,000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	3,000	XXXXXXX	3,000	XXXXXXX

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Budget of the Town of Epping

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Acct.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		10,000	55,000	40,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		5,000	4,000	5,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Int. & Pen. on Delinquent Taxes		175,000	115,000	100,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3210	UCC & Certificates		15,000	18,000	15,800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		450,000	472,245	500,000
3230	Building Permits		29,000	23,000	30,000
3290	Other licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	3,600	5,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		22,651	25,182	16,000
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenue		80,000	96,576	96,576
3353	Highway Block Grant		104,299	109,312	106,530
3354	Water Pollution Grants				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimburse				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other Miscellaneous				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3401	Income from Departments		140,000	229,105	275,000
3409	Other Charges		40,000		
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000	15,000	15,000
3502	Interest on Investments		50,000	30,000	40,000
3509	Other		50,000	45,000	45,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Fund	21			47,735

1998

Budget of the Town of Epping

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SOURCE OF REVENUE Acct.	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913 From Capital Projects Funds				
3914 From Enterprise Fund				
Sewer		240,000	233,320	111,850
Water		290,000	286,970	79,036
Electric				
Airport				
3915 Capital Reserve Fund				
3916 Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
3934 Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds		150,000	150,000	550,000
Fund Balance Voted From Surplus		xxxxxxx		
Fund Balance Remaining to Reduce Taxes		xxxxxxx	207,952	xxxxxxx
TOTAL REVENUE & CREDITS		1,860,950	2,119,262	2,079,527

BUDGET SUMMARY

SELECTMEN

BUDGET COMMITTEE

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	\$2,311,073	\$2,315,856
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended (from page 5)	\$636,600	\$651,600
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended (from page 5)	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,950,673	\$2,970,456
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (From Above)	\$2,079,527	\$2,079,527
Amount of Taxes to be raised	\$871,146	\$890,929

Expense Budget of the Town of Epping as proposed for 1998

TITLE	1984		1985		1985		96 BUD		96 COMMITTEE		97		98		16		98	
	EXPENSE	VOTED	EXPENSE	VOTE	EXPENSE	VOTE	EXPENSE	VOTE	EXPENSE	VOTE	EXPENSE	VOTE	Request	Subcom in	Vote	Budget		
Selection	21,159	43,850	50,681	47,050	115,194	118,355	37,450	30,630	41,692	114,237	114,237	114,237	41,692	114,237	114,237	114,237	114,237	
Town Administrator	95,456	96,290	104,621	107,915	115,194	118,355	37,450	30,630	41,692	114,237	114,237	114,237	41,692	114,237	114,237	114,237	114,237	
Town Meeting	4,107	4,500	8,492	6,705	9,104	9,745	6,705	7,905	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	9,745	
Finance Admin.	40,805	43,810	36,693	42,024	37,924	34,436	42,024	37,924	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	34,436	
Treasurer	2,155	2,835	2,390	2,765	2,155	2,815	2,765	2,155	2,815	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	
Town Clerk	20,627	20,425	20,792	28,455	22,942	29,925	28,455	22,942	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	29,925	
Elections	2,460	2,000	1,398	3,190	3,172	1,075	3,190	1,075	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	1,347	
Cable																		
Tax Collector	39,601	41,335	38,982	34,980	2,873	35,845	34,980	2,873	35,845	28,344	28,344	28,344	36,336	36,336	36,336	36,336	36,336	
Data Processing	16,811	18,900	17,538	10,200	13,857	15,250	10,200	13,857	15,250	14,602	14,602	14,602	14,050	14,050	14,050	14,050	14,050	
Property Valuation			2,453	7,000	4,618	9,500	7,000	4,618	9,500	2,154	2,154	2,154	38,600	38,600	38,600	38,600	38,600	
Legal	34,612	30,000	10,462	16,500	25,198	16,500	16,500	25,198	16,500	15,805	15,805	15,805	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	795	1,100	2,269	1,500	6,121	8,150	1,500	6,121	8,150	2,920	2,920	2,920	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	
Town Buildings	18,085	27,400	19,865	26,800	41,003	37,700	26,800	41,003	37,700	28,553	28,553	28,553	35,700	35,700	35,700	35,700	35,700	
Insurance	55,539	52,000	45,433	48,000	45,278	46,000	48,000	45,278	46,000	38,730	38,730	38,730	40,500	40,500	40,500	40,500	40,500	
Police	314,828	354,325	368,044	426,013	398,171	374,839	426,013	398,171	374,839	355,694	355,694	355,694	336,108	336,108	336,108	336,108	336,108	
Police Details										75,000	75,000	75,000	86,170	86,170	86,170	86,170	86,170	
Animal Control	2,967	4,120	1,862	4,120	2,038	2,480	4,120	2,038	2,480	1,181	1,181	1,181	2,325	2,325	2,325	2,325	2,325	
Fire	55,299	79,100	71,894	70,350	72,065	75,810	70,350	72,065	75,810	70,356	70,356	70,356	123,865	123,865	123,865	123,865	123,865	
Ambulance	77,244	91,483	84,743	115,588	103,844	120,737	115,588	103,844	120,737	105,688	105,688	105,688	153,712	153,712	153,712	153,712	153,712	
Planning Board	30,373	44,801	28,727	44,739	37,801	45,000	44,739	37,801	45,000	36,308	36,308	36,308	50,680	50,680	50,680	50,680	50,680	
Association Dues	5,772	6,100	5,772	5,900	5,955	8,000	5,900	5,955	8,000	50	50	50	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
Code Enforcement	40,527	22,345	21,405	22,990	24,223	24,223	22,990	24,223	24,223	21,888	21,888	21,888	23,676	23,676	23,676	23,676	23,676	
Code Enforcement	39,400	51,055	48,394	52,790	54,471	30,915	52,790	54,471	30,915	13,526	13,526	13,526	18,211	18,211	18,211	18,211	18,211	
Welfare	242,874	243,443	137,705	224,445	209,726	318,553	224,445	209,726	318,553	279,513	279,513	279,513	369,426	369,426	369,426	369,426	369,426	
Highway	13,785	16,100	14,504	14,700	14,778	14,000	14,700	14,778	14,000	13,905	13,905	13,905	15,270	15,270	15,270	15,270	15,270	
Street Lights	92,103	127,700	101,866	124,260	93,391	133,320	124,260	93,391	133,320	57,278	57,278	57,278	141,860	141,860	141,860	141,860	141,860	
Sewer	49,718	68,400	32,713	70,060	45,159	86,970	70,060	45,159	86,970	64,252	64,252	64,252	99,036	99,036	99,036	99,036	99,036	
Water	243,168	243,168	207,544	222,621	207,523	195,925	222,621	207,523	195,925	140,735	140,735	140,735	165,677	165,677	165,677	165,677	165,677	
Solid Waste																		
Cemetery	6200	5000	5000	1450	0	1450	1450	0	1450	0	0	0	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	
Recreation	0	29,100	31,309	44,050	41,914	60,800	44,050	41,914	60,800	59,164	59,164	59,164	92,623	92,623	92,623	92,623	92,623	
Library	35,900	36,385	44,150	44,150	44,150	46,300	44,150	44,150	46,300	46,300	46,300	46,300	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	
Patriotic Purposes	903	1,000	0	2,000	0	1,000	2,000	0	1,000	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	
Conservation	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Commission	22	1,500	30	1,500	465	1,000	1,500	465	1,000	1,720	1,720	1,720	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Economic Development																		
Debt Services - Bond Princ.	201,667	196,700	196,667	176,667	176,667	130,000	176,667	176,667	130,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	
Bond Interest	24,200	24,086	24,086	24,485	24,485	30,048	24,485	24,485	30,048	29,150	29,150	29,150	29,762	29,762	29,762	29,762	29,762	
TAN Interest	31,562	30,000	30,245	25,000	20,060	20,000	25,000	20,060	20,000	6,250	6,250	6,250	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
TOTAL	1,562,495	2,099,885	1,811,353	2,099,362	1,940,008	2,206,894	2,099,362	1,940,008	2,206,894	1,947,387	1,947,387	1,947,387	2,408,799	2,408,799	2,408,799	2,286,024	2,286,807	

PLODZIK & SANDERSON*Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors*193 North Main Street • Concord • New Hampshire • 03301-5063 • 603-225-6996 • FAX-224-1380***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS***

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Epping
Epping, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Epping for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review, the following conditions were noted that were considered to be reportable conditions as defined above:

ACCRUED LIABILITY FOR LANDFILL COSTS

The Town is still operating an unlined landfill and has not collected the information necessary to record an estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs. Generally accepted accounting principles require the Town record an accrued liability for closure and postclosure care costs over the operating life of the landfill. We recommend that the Town obtain an engineering estimate for these costs and record them in their General Long-Term Debt Account Group as required.

Town of Epping

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

CUSTODY OF TOWN FUNDS

As has been the case in previous years, the Conservation Commission and Police Department have retained custody of funds that should be turned over to the Town Treasurer as required by State statute. The recordkeeping for these accounts is not adequate, since the individuals keeping the records are not trained in bookkeeping. We have discussed our concerns with both the Chairman of the Conservation Commission and the Police Chief, and we have found them both receptive to turning custody of their accounts over to the Treasurer who will provide them with a monthly report detailing the activity of their accounts and the balances in each account. We recommend that these transfers of custody take place as soon as possible in order to comply with State law and to allow for proper recordkeeping.

BANK SERVICE CHARGES

As noted in last year's report, the bank in which most of the Town's accounts are deposited, continues to charge service fees on the balances of its small accounts. For example, one of the police department's accounts which had a beginning balance of \$247 in 1997, paid \$89 in service charges during the year, which equals 36% of its balance. We have found that often banks will waive service fees on municipal accounts. We have discussed this with the Town Treasurer who is going to review options with the bank and alleviate this situation in 1998.

CAPITAL LEASES

We noted that the Town entered into three new lease agreements in 1997 for an ambulance, police vehicle and backhoe. Recently, the State Department of Revenue Administration has established guidelines for lease arrangements which suggest procedures to be followed in order to comply with the statutes dealing with such alternative financing arrangements.

We suggest that Town officials review these guidelines which provide for Town Meeting authorization to enter into a lease agreement. For 1997, we noted that only the ambulance agreement was mentioned in the minutes of the Town Meeting as an amendment to Article No. 34 covering the operating budget.

TRUST FUNDS

During the time of the audit, we were unable to successfully complete the Trust Funds, as they had not been reconciled in a timely manner. Statements had not been received from one bank to support the year-end balances in several certificates of deposit. No ledger was prepared to document the flow of funds throughout the year. We recommend that the Trustees consider retaining a bookkeeper to assist in the recording of the day-to-day activity throughout the year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

February 9, 1998

TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group - Unaudited
December 31, 1997

<u>ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 502,897	\$ 27,779	\$
Investments	1,482,694	7,477	
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Taxes	857,225		
Accounts	40,822		
Intergovernmental	65		
Interfund Receivable	14,769	89,551	28,048
Elderly Tax Liens	15,639		
Elderly Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(15,639)		
Prepaid Items	1,952		
Fixed Assets			
Accumulated Depreciation			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	762		
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 2,901,186</u>	<u>\$ 124,807</u>	<u>\$ 28,048</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,325	784	750
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	10,838		
Intergovernmental Payable	1,639,411		26,965
Interfund Payable	484,310	14,769	
Escrow and Performance Deposits			
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Capital Leases Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	<u>2,145,884</u>	<u>15,553</u>	<u>27,715</u>
<u>Equity</u>			
Contributed Capital			
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved For Encumbrances	66,818		
Reserved For Contingency	251,215		
Reserved For Special Purposes			333
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Dedicated For Special Purposes		109,254	
Undesignated	437,269		
Total Equity	<u>755,302</u>	<u>109,254</u>	<u>333</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,901,186</u>	<u>\$ 124,807</u>	<u>\$ 28,048</u>

Town Warrants & Budgets

<u>Expenditure</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u> <u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General</u> <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
\$	\$ 42,460 152,429	\$	\$ 573,136 1,642,600
			857,225
126,955	158,805		326,582
			65
366,711			499,079
			15,639
			(15,639)
			1,952
2,472,971			2,472,971
(880,485)			(880,485)
			762
		<u>663.912</u>	<u>663.912</u>
<u>\$ 2,086,152</u>	<u>\$ 353,694</u>	<u>\$ 663.912</u>	<u>\$ 6,157,799</u>
\$ 840	\$	\$	\$ 13,699
	62,182		10,838
	6,231		1,728,558
	158,805		499,079
			6,231
		510,000	158,805
		147,376	510,000
		<u>6,536</u>	147,376
<u>840</u>	<u>227,218</u>	<u>663.912</u>	<u>6,536</u>
			<u>3,081,122</u>
1,458,110			1,458,110
207,610			207,610
419,592			419,592
	87,704		87,704
	38,772		66,818
			251,215
			39,105
			109,254
<u>2,086,312</u>	<u>126,476</u>		<u>437,269</u>
<u>\$ 2,086,152</u>	<u>\$ 353,694</u>	<u>\$ 663.912</u>	<u>3,076,677</u>
			<u>\$ 6,157,799</u>

Town Warrants & Budgets

1952	Myra E. S. Green	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.17%	122.51	122.51	82.25	0.12%	5.67		87.92	210.43
1952	George E. Bunde	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.50%	367.54	367.54	1426.71	1.63%	77.06		1503.76	1871.30
1954	William Faldsane	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.17%	122.51	122.51	345.79	0.44%	20.94		89.58	420.68
1956	Frank Willard	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.80%	367.54	367.54	1215.54	1.52%	71.90		241.64	1049.90
1960	Wiggin Fund	Fam	Com. Trust #1	0.35%	245.02	245.02	210.80	0.24%	11.33		50.00	172.13
1960	Blanche R. Purinton	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.50%	367.54	367.54	965.91	1.23%	58.02		1011.93	1379.47
1968	John J. Tilton	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.17%	122.51	122.51	322.06	0.37%	17.23		276.85	388.36
1974	Georgia Chase	Fam	Com. Trust #1	0.11%	81.93	81.93	226.31	0.24%	11.23		237.64	319.47
1976	John & Minnie Warren	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.87%	490.05	490.05	1136.50	1.51%	71.29		981.78	1471.83
1976	Central Cemetery	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.17%	122.51	122.51	321.18	0.37%	16.26		336.44	458.95
1982	Central Cemetery	CCC	Com. Trust #1	0.83%	4286.10	4286.10	1975.97	5.20%	245.86		1826.83	6113.93
1983	Wiram Jackson Park	MJP	Com. Trust #1	3.02%	2225.25	2225.25	116.76	2.22%	104.72		221.48	2446.73
1983	Fred Johnson	CBL	Com. Trust #1	0.17%	122.51	122.51	672.38	0.20%	9.28		27.30	240.91
1989	Hist.Soc. C. F. #1	CAC	1st S&L CD	4.08%	3000.00	3000.00	1300.00	2.94%	136.73		811.11	3811.11
1990	Hist.Soc. C. F. #2	CAC	1st S&L CD	2.04%	1500.00	1500.00	167.48	1.47%	69.36		231.84	1731.84
1991	Hist.Soc. C. F. #3	CAC	Fleet Bank CD	2.31%	1700.00	1700.00	481.47	1.66%	78.61		560.08	2260.08
1992	Hist.Soc. C. F. #4	CAC	Fleet Bank CD	2.17%	1600.00	1600.00	83.42	1.57%	73.99		157.41	1787.41
1993	Bert J. Allen Cemetery	Fam	Com. Trust #1	0.68%	500.00	500.00	78.00	0.49%	23.12		101.12	601.12
1996	West Epping Cem.	CWC	Fleet Bank CD	3.78%	2790.00	2790.00	41.46	2.75%	129.76		171.22	2961.22
1996	Burt Family Cam.	CFC	Fleet Bank CD	0.68%	500.00	500.00		0.49%	23.12		23.12	523.12
	Adj								2.90			
	COMMON TRUST #1 TOTALS			100%	50484.09	73574.09	37105.14	100%	4724.04		37079.18	110660.37
	OTHER GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:											
1988	Lead Family Fund	Fam	1st NH Sav.		900.00	800.00	355.88		85.73		431.61	1231.61
1988	Karen Rickford Mem.	SCR	1st NH CD & Sav.		13285.00	13285.00	1174.63		664.13		1238.76	14523.76
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS											
1991	School Dist. 1, CHF	BuS	1st S&L CD		30000.00	30000.00	5365.31		1814.07		7182.38	37182.38
	Subtotal Other & Cap. Res.				44085.00	44085.00	5331.10				8852.75	52937.75
	GRAND TOTALS				94569.09	23090.00	117852.03	1.00			45931.93	163588.12

MS-10	Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the City or Town of EPPING, N.H.										December 31, 1997		
	HOW INVESTED		PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL				
No. Units	Description	Balance Beg. Year	Purchases	Proceeds of Sales	Gain from Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Beg. Year	Income This Year	Expended This Year	Balance End Year	P. & I. End of Year		
Common Trust #1:													
		50484.10	23090.00	0.00		73574.10	35663.93	4724.04	4750.00	35637.97	109212.07		
PRINCIPAL													
	FB CD 8036567611	20499.63				20499.63	0.00	1053.87	1053.87	0.00	20499.63		
	FB CD 803281205	4500.00				4500.00	0.00	243.59	243.59	0.00	4500.00		
	FB CD 803281698	0.00	8445.00	0.00		8445.00	0.00	371.11		0.00	8445.00		
	1st Sav CD 02-42-000110	11710.77	12000.00	0.00		23710.77	0.00	851.42	851.42	0.00	23710.77		
	1st Sav CD 02-42-000087	0.00	1500.00	0.00		1500.00	0.00	89.55	89.55	0.00	1500.00		
	FB CD 8038831242	6042.87	0.00			6042.87	0.00	323.85	323.85	0.00	6042.87		
	1st S & L CD 02-42-000055	7730.83	1190.00			7730.83	0.00	404.19	404.19	0.00	7730.83		
	1st S & L CD 52-08-003788		-45.00			1190.00	0.00	65.41	65.41	0.00	1190.00		
	TOTALS, Principal	50484.10	23090.00	0.00	0.00	73574.10	0.00	3402.99	3428.95	0.00	73574.10		
ALL INCOME													
	1st S & L CD 02-42-000055	5896.46				5896.46	0.00	308.28	308.28	0.00	5896.46		
	1st Sav. CD 02-50-000108	16830.06				16830.06	0.00	1012.77	1012.77	0.00	16830.06		
	TOTALS, All Income	22726.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	22726.52	0.00	1321.05	1321.05	0.00	22726.52		
	Undistributed Income												
	Cash or Equiv.					11228.16							
	TOTAL INCOME					33955.68							
	TOTAL Invested	73210.62	23090.00	0.00	0.00	96300.62	0.00	4724.04	4750.00	0.00	96300.62		
										Including invested plus cash	107523.78		

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding At 12/31/97
General Long-Term Debt Account Group					
General Obligation Debt Payable					
Capital Improvements Bond	\$325,000	1989	1999	6.75 - 6.8	\$60,000
Town Road Construction / Reconstruction	\$500,000	1995	2000	5.9	\$300,000
Purchase Pleasant Street Property	\$150,000	1997	2002	4.7	\$150,000
Annual Payment Schedule					
	Principal	Interest	Total		
1998	\$170,000	\$29,761	\$199,761		
1999	\$170,000	\$19,174	\$189,174		
2000	\$140,000	\$9,286	\$149,286		
2001	\$40,000	\$1,645	\$41,645		
Totals	\$520,000	\$59,668	\$579,668		

Note: Financial Statements at the Town Hall provide detailed discussion of long term governmental fund debt. Please refer to these documents for the most accurate representation as provided for at year end, 12/31/97.

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Epping, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Epping Gymnasium in said District on the Twelfth Day of March 1998, at seven o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to improve the air ventilation and heating system for the Epping Middle/High School in order to meet the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation standards. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to purchase and install an elevator for the Epping Middle/High School in order to meet the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation standards, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

4. To see if the School District will vote to discontinue the Elevator Capital Reserve Fund after the purchase and installation of the elevator. The balance of these funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, is to be transferred to the school district's general fund. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

5. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) to purchase a school bus, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and to raise the balance of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from the June 30, 1999 undesignated fund balance (surplus audited funds). This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the school bus has been purchased or in two years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

7. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
1998-1999	\$180,000
1999-2000	\$135,000
2000-2001	\$146,000

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the 1998-99 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

8. To see if the School District will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of future school facility planning. Said funds will be approved by the School Board and used for costs and fees associated with the investigation and planning of renovation projects, new building projects, and/or cooperative school district ventures to address the future growth needs of the School District. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Epping School Board)
(Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

9. By Petition: Richard F. Pimentel, Bob Johnson, Mederic Beauchesne, plus 36 others.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Epping School District? (3/5 vote by ballot)

Warrant Article #9 will be voted by ballot on March 10, 1998.

(Not recommended by the Epping School Board)

10. By Petition: John Carver, Ron Cranshaw, Rose Marie Myott, plus 51 others.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 194-B, implementing a charter and open enrollment school program?

Shall no more than 5 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located outside the school district?

Shall no more than 1 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located inside the school district? (Majority vote required)

(Not recommended by the Epping School Board)

11. To see what sum of money the School District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. (Majority vote required)

1100	Regular Programs	\$2,434,460
1200	Special Programs	1,257,555
1300	Vocational Programs	55,881
1400	Other Instructional Programs	90,430
2120	Guidance	139,846
2130	Health	65,308
2150	Speech	101,474
2210	Improvement of Instruction	48,833
2220	Educational Media	172,194
2310	School Board	42,262
2320	SAU Expense	158,032
2400	School Administration	348,529
2540	Operation of Plant	350,290
2550	Pupil Transportation	276,833
2900	Support Benefits	140,781
4000	Facilities	10,000
5000	Debt Service	0
2560	Food Service	232,852

TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$5,925,560

(\$5,925,560 Recommended by the Epping School Board)

(\$5,884,560 Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee)

12. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Epping this 7th day of February 1998.

EPPING
SCHOOL BOARD

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

A true copy of warrant – attest:

EPPING
SCHOOL BOARD

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

SCHOOL WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Epping, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the tenth day of March, 1998, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects: (The polls may not close before seven o'clock in the evening.)

1. To choose two School Board Members for the ensuing three years.
2. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Epping this 7th day of February, 1998.

Epping School Board

[Signature]
Robert Hyman
Jennifer Hyman
Diane Byrne
[Signature]

A true copy of warrant - attest:

Epping School Board

[Signature]
Jennifer Hyman
Robert Hyman
Diane Byrne
[Signature]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF Epping N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for Fiscal Year From

July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list **ALL APPROPRIATIONS** in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

Budget Committee: Please sign in ink.)

Date 2/7/98

[Signature] [Signature]
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(Revised 1997)

School Warrants & Budgets

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213.V)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/- to 6/30/-	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DSA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Program		2,146,511	2,295,304	2,434,460		2,393,460	41,000
1200-1299	Special Program		1,091,088	1,236,679	1,257,555		1,257,555	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		32,143	40,425	55,881		55,881	
1400-1499	Other Programs		71,966	83,544	90,430		90,430	
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Ed							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
Pupil Services								
2110-2119	Attendance & Social Work							
2120-2129	Guidance		126,921	131,990	139,846		139,846	
2130-2139	Health		27,450	31,678	65,308		65,308	
2140-2149	Psychological							
2150-2159	Speech Pathology & Audiology		89,549	93,436	101,474		101,474	
2190-2199	Other Pupil Serv.							
Instructional Staff Services								
2210-2219	Improvement of Instruction		42,186	38,257	48,833		48,833	
2220-2229	Educational Media		130,326	165,636	172,194		172,194	
2290-2299	Other Instr.Staff							
General Administration								
2310	School Board							

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213, V)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year '11/ to 6/30/—	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DMA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
2310-870	Contingency							
2310-2319	All other Objects		42,864	42,125	42,262		42,262	
Office of Superintendent								
2320-351	SNV Mgmt. Services							
2320-2329	All other Objects		182,106	184,591	158,032		158,032	
2330-2339	Special Area Admin. Services							
2330-2399	Other Gen. Adm. Serv.							
2400-2499	School Admin. Serv.		319,237	336,913	348,529		348,529	
Business Services								
2520-2529	Fiscal							
2540-2549	Operation & Maint. of Plant		328,828	344,357	350,290		350,290	
2550-2559	Pupil Transport.		223,799	232,266	276,833		276,833	
2570-2579	Procurement							
2590-2599	Other Business Serv							
2600-2699	Managerial Services							
2900-2999	Other Support Serv.		95,369	123,669	140,781		140,781	
3000-3999	COMMUNITY SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		53,963	30,000	10,000		10,000	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5100-830	Debt Serv. - Princ.		85,000	0	0		0	

School Warrants & Budgets

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213.V)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures to 6/30/___ to 6/30/___	Appropriations Approved by SEA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
5100 840	Debt Serv. - Int.		3,294					
Fund Transfers								
5220	To Special Revenue							
5230	To Capital Projects							
5240	To Food Service		226,163	232,852	232,852		232,852	
5250-5254	To Capital Reserve		25,000					
5255	To Health Maint. Trust							
5256-5259	To Other Trusts							
	Supplemental							
	Deficit							
SUBTOTAL 1			5,343,763	5,643,722	5,925,560		5,884,560	41,000

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art #	Amount
1100	7	129,361	2220	7	5,049
1200	7	21,223	2900	7	882
2120	7	7,800			
2130	7	6,717			
2150	7	8,968			

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 3213.VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213.V)	Warr. Art.#	Expenditures for Spec. 7/1/89 to 6/30/90	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4000	Elevator Purchase	3			25,000		25,000	
5250	Bus Capital Reserve	5			10,000		10,000	
2550	Bus Purchase	6			57,000		57,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended					92,000		92,000	

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) contingency appropriations; 3) supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213.VI)	Warr. Art.#	Expenditures for Spec. 7/1/89 to 6/30/90	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4000	Ventilation & Heating	2		10,000	10,000		10,000	
*	Collective Bargain.	7			180,000		180,000	
4000	Facility Planning	8			20,000		20,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended					210,000		210,000	

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE OR CREDIT	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid		463,877	544,168	475,642
3210	School Building Aid		25,500		
3220-3223	Area Vocational School		7,598	8,209	8,209
3230	Driver Education		5,250	7,000	7,000
3240	Catastrophic Aid		39,935	230,941	155,584
3250	Adult Education				
	Child Nutrition		3,255	3,179	3,255
	Kindergarten Aid				
	Other State Aid (Specify) Unclaimed		1,800		
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4410	IASA, Title I & II				
4430	Vocational Education				
4450	Adult Education				
4460	Child Nutrition Programs		74,093	84,588	84,588
4470	Handicapped Programs				
	Federal Forest Land				
	Other Federal Sources (identify) Medicaid		28,800	30,000	37,500
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5100	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5230	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund				
5250	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund				70,000
5255	Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund				
1300-1360	Tuition		66,495	75,000	223,275
1400-1443	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		4,345	3,500	4,000
1600	Food Service		109,229	123,294	123,294
1700-1799	Pupil Activities				

Acct. #	Source of Revenue or Credit	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Resulting Fiscal Year
1800	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources (identify)				
	Rent		17,279	19,552	19,552
	Driver Education		4,680	7,000	7,750
	Dividends		25,088		
	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:26-3 FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Appropriations Voted From Fund Balance				12,000
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			92,880	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			877,224	1,229,311	1,231,649

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	5,925,560	5,884,560
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 4)	92,000	92,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 4)	210,000	210,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,227,560	6,186,560
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,231,649	1,231,649
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	4,995,911	4,954,911

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - MSA
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1
Rev. 1993

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Epping FISCAL YEAR ENDING: 1999

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm.	6,186,560
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principle: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	0
5. Mandatory Assessments	0
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	0
7. AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS RECOMMENDED EXCLUSION AMOUNTS (Line 1 less line 6)	6,186,560
8. Line 7 times 10%	618,656

THIS IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE OTHER THAN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ITEMS

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Epping School District
Epping, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Epping School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Epping School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Epping School District, as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Epping School District taken as a whole. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

October 2, 1997

EXHIBIT A
EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 1997

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u>	<u>Account</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS AND</u> <u>OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 39,812	\$ 53,007	\$ 36,828	\$	\$ 129,647
<u>Receivables</u>					
Intergovernmental	33,731	16,884	36,253		86,868
Interfund Receivable	69,891		25,000		94,891
<u>Other Debits</u>					
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				61,487	61,487
 TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	 <u>\$ 143,434</u>	 <u>\$ 69,891</u>	 <u>\$ 98,081</u>	 <u>\$ 61,487</u>	 <u>\$ 372,893</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u> <u>AND EQUITY</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 25,554	\$	\$	\$	\$ 25,554
Interfund Payable	25,000	69,891			94,891
Due to Student Groups			36,828		36,828
Compensated Absences Payable				61,487	61,487
Total Liabilities	<u>50,554</u>	<u>69,891</u>	<u>36,828</u>	<u>61,487</u>	<u>218,760</u>
 <u>Equity</u>					
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserved for Special Purposes			61,253		61,253
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Undesignated	92,880				92,880
Total Equity	<u>92,880</u>		<u>61,253</u>		<u>154,133</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	 <u>\$ 143,434</u>	 <u>\$ 69,891</u>	 <u>\$ 98,081</u>	 <u>\$ 61,487</u>	 <u>\$ 372,893</u>

Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,609,916	\$ 4,609,916	\$
83,904	87,423	3,519	641,475	669,784	28,309
114,179	109,229	(4,950)	206,529	180,404	(26,125)
	343	343	24,264	46,713	22,449
	<u>23,562</u>	<u>23,562</u>		<u>23,562</u>	<u>23,562</u>
<u>198,083</u>	<u>220,557</u>	<u>22,474</u>	<u>5,482,184</u>	<u>5,530,379</u>	<u>48,195</u>
			3,508,171	3,341,038	167,133
			238,507	243,920	(5,413)
			171,347	172,512	(1,165)
			222,369	224,970	(2,601)
			321,592	328,343	(6,751)
198,083	204,506	(6,423)	722,393	754,142	(31,749)
			97,512	95,369	2,143
			87,000	53,963	33,037
			88,293	88,294	(1)
			<u>25,000</u>	<u>48,562</u>	<u>(23,562)</u>
<u>198,083</u>	<u>204,506</u>	<u>(6,423)</u>	<u>5,482,184</u>	<u>5,351,113</u>	<u>131,071</u>
	16,051	16,051		179,266	179,266
<u>(16,051)</u>	<u>(16,051)</u>		<u>(86,386)</u>	<u>(86,386)</u>	
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Another busy and successful year has come to a close. We had slightly fewer fire calls this year for which the fire prevention efforts of the department and the citizens of the town should be congratulated. Statistically the number of fires increases with population, so for us to continue this trend, we will need your continued attention and dedication to this worthwhile effort. Efforts like changing Smoke detector batteries, inspecting and cleaning chimneys has played a significant role in this success.

The used ladder truck that we acquired has been put into service and used several times. It affords the town a level of security that was not previously possible. It is currently housed in the Pleasant Street station.

Fire Department Responses: 156 Calls
Ambulance Responses: 473

The new Pleasant Street station has been put to good use to house our two largest vehicles, which has allowed us breathing space in the other stations. The roof has been patched and a new heating system has been acquired. The long-term plan for a fire department facility will include evaluating the existing building and the ability to add on to it.

We are fortunate to have two full-time Firefighter-EMTs for the hours when volunteers are extremely scarce. For the most part this is a volunteer department with a staff whose training, credentials and dedication are second to no Fire Department. This has consumed countless hours covering calls and many, many more tedious hours of training and drills. For those efforts, I thank the members and their families for selfless dedication not only protecting the residents of the town of Epping but also providing protection to those who travel to and through our town everyday. □

Richard P. Marcotte
Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I want to begin this year by remembering the police officers in our State that were killed in the line of duty. Trooper Scott Phillips, Trooper Leslie Lord and Epsom Police Officer Jeremy Charron served the citizens of this State well. Their deaths hit the law enforcement community particularly hard and reinforced the notion that anything can happen at any time. About one year ago the department had a training session here in Epping and I recall the instructor saying many times during his presentation that criminal behavior in New Hampshire is becoming more aggressive and violent, how loud and clear those words echoed this past year. We ask that you join us in remembering these fine officers and their families. The incidents of this past summer have prompted me to appropriate money in my budget this year to insure that every officer is outfitted with a bullet proof vest. It will then be a matter of policy that each officer wears his/her vest when on duty.

Some changes in personnel occurred in 1997 within the department. Our female full-time officer left to pursue other interests as did three part-time officers. In September we hired Officer Jeffrey LeDuc from Epping, Officer Joshua McLain of Raymond and Officer Mark McAlpine of Concord, NH. I welcome these officers to the force. Our COPS FAST Federal Grant has also been extended for up to eighteen months. The Board of Selectmen approved the extension

Gregory C. Dodge
Police Chief

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*Epping Fire Department and
Chief Marcotte at work.*



Town Police Chiefs 1874 - 1997

DATES	NAME	TITLE GIVEN
03/14/1874 - 04/09/1879	Frank E. Bean	Chief of Police
04/09/1879 - 03/17/1880	Frank E. Bean	Superintendent of Police
03/17/1880 - 04/08/1882	Frank E. Bean	Chief of Police
04/08/1882 - 04/30/1885	Clark D. Smith	Constable of Police
04/30/1885 - 03/27/1886	Daniel C. Bartlett	Constable of Police
03/27/1886 - 04/21/1887	Daniel C. Bartlett	Superintendent of Police
04/21/1887 - 03/1890	John S. Ladd	Superintendent of Police
03/1890 - 03/1891	George Caswell	Superintendent of Police
03/1891 - 03/1893	George Hopkinson	Chief of Police
03/1893 - 03/1894	Andrew Purington	Chief of Police
03/1894 - 03/1896	William Underhill, Jr.	Chief of Police
03/1896 - 02/15/1904	Charles L. Allen	Chief of Police
02/15/1904 - ?	Daniel C. Bartlett	Chief of Police
02/15/1905 - 02/15/1911	UNKNOWN	
02/15/1911 - 02/05/1915	Charles L. Allen	Chief of Police
02/05/1915 - 03/1920	Howard F. Rowell	Chief of Police
03/1920 - 03/1922	Miland J. Young	Chief of Police
03/1922 - 03/1927	Everett Judkins	Chief of Police
03/1927 - 03/1943	Miland J. Young	Chief of Police
03/1943 - 03/1948	Louis G. Beaucher	Chief of Police
03/1948 - 03/1969	Edward T. Lavoie	Chief of Police
03/1969 - 03/1970	UNKNOWN	
03/1970 - 03/1972	Norman H. Marcotte	Chief of Police
03/1972 - 03/1973	Robert Denyou, Sr.	Chief of Police
03/1973 (Resigned)	Carol Bishop	Chief of Police
Appointed	Robert Denyou, Sr.	Chief of Police
03/1974 - (Resigned)	Herculano Silveira	Chief of Police
Appointed	Clinton D. Simmons, Jr.	Chief of Police
03/1975 - (Resigned)	Clinton D. Simmons, Jr.	Chief of Police
Appointed	Paul E. Guy, Sr.	Chief of Police
03/1976 - 03/10/1980	Norman H. Marcotte	Chief of Police
03/10/1980 - 03/09/1981	Robert Denyou, Jr.	Chief of Police
03/09/1981 - Present	Gregory C. Dodge	Chief of Police

which allows us to hire an officer full-time at only twenty-five percent of the cost. Our goal is to maintain twenty-four hour coverage utilizing full-time officers. It was also to our benefit to have a detective following up on cases this year. As you may recall I promoted Marc Turner to detective last July. This has allowed him to follow up cases on a full-time basis. I am pleased with the work he has done thus far and found the position not only to be productive, but necessary.

Although the response to our Crime Watch Program has been slow, two neighborhoods have recently expressed interest in beginning a program soon. SGT Michael Wallace will be working closely with the residents to insure the project gets underway. All interested residents are encouraged to contact the police department. Since the number of residential burglaries is up, it reinforces the fact that Crime Watch Programs are vital to safeguard our community.

The department answered over 6,000 calls for service this past year. Domestic violence and residential burglaries showed the highest increase as did the number of motor vehicle accidents investigated. Accidents injured sixty four people compared to sixty three in 1996 and one person was killed on Red Oak Hill. There was also one snowmobile accident fatality in November of 1997. Officers arrested 950 people in 1997 down by twenty one during the same period in 1996.

In closing this year I want to thank the citizens for their continued support and ask that you contact us with any comments or questions. A special thanks to David Ranson for all the work he performed around the police station. He was the first trustee we had working here from the Rockingham County Jail. His talent, ideas and work product were excellent and we thank him for all that he has done. I also want to thank Bob Young and Dennis Bilodeau who have also proven their skills to us, their talents were superb and I was pleased to have been able to use their services.

I have also compiled a list of past Police Chiefs who have served the Town of Epping. The research was done by Patricia Wood and came directly from the Town records. There are some vacant dates and we would like to hear from you if any of the information is either incorrect or can be filled in. □



Epping Fire Department
Water Rescue Team.

PLANNING BOARD

The 1997 Planning Board saw Robert Graham, III elected to serve in Marilyn Perry's place, as Mrs. Perry chose not to run again. She served the Town of Epping for seven years on the Planning Board. Michael O'Leary served as Chairman, with Paul Spidle as Vice Chair, Ron Nowe as Treasurer, and Rob Graham as Secretary. Robert Eldridge and Stephen Emanouil were joined by Paul Doucett as alternates to the Board. Todd Trobaugh continued to serve as the Selectmen's Representative, with Selectman Bob Johnson acting as the Selectmen's alternate.

Ordinance changes approved in last year's elections removed gas stations as a permitted use in the Highway Commercial Zone, and permitted them near the race tracks and at the Route 101/Beebe Road interchange. The Town adopted an updated Aquifer map, and approved changes to the sign ordinance which were more business friendly.

The Telecommunications Ordinance not only passed, it has been used as a model for other communities. It was authored for the Town by Clay Mitchell, our Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider. He also wrote the amendments to the Excavation Ordinance, which passed.

Finally, the Town approved a 100 foot setback from the centerline for all of Route 125 in Epping. Later in the year, the \$2.5 Million Route 125 Reconstruction Project was approved by the state. This project will widen Route 125 to four lanes from the Brentwood line to Route 87.

This was a very busy year for the Planning Board. Seven site plans were brought before the Board, including the Crossroads Sports and Entertainment Center, which will bring indoor soccer to Epping. The Maple Tree Preschool was also approved, which has already opened in the center of town. When Omnipoint came before the Board for approval of a new telecommunications tower, which was approved, they commended the Town for the quality and clarity of the ordinance (thanks, Clay). One site plan did not pass, as the use was not permitted in the zone.

Two subdivisions were applied for and approved. Rob Graham will be building a nine-lot subdivision off Blake Road. Steve Emanouil was approved for a two-lot subdivision on Railroad Avenue and Main Street. Five lot line adjustments were addressed and approved. Excavations have

taken up the bulk of the year's meetings. An excavation permit was approved for renewal for Paul Langdon's pit on Cilley Road. Dan Sewall holds the record for the fastest permit approval of an excavation permit: 45 minutes. His application for the Diamond Hill Road Pit was the best and most complete submitted to the Board in recent memory. The Pelosi Pit application took the longest in recent memory: five hearings over three months. The pit is located on Blake Road behind the Friend's Cemetery. Shortly after the pit opened, the Planning Board was forced to revoke the permit due to violations. The Pelosi Pit was reapplied for, and granted a permit with increased restrictions. Stay tuned.

The Town's Master Plan has been updated, approved and adopted by the Planning Board. The new Master Plan focuses on growth in business and industrial opportunities in Epping. Paul Spidle has been appointed Chairman of the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) committee, which will update the CIP to bring it in line with the new Master Plan.

Several new amendments are being proposed to the zoning ordinances, and as of this writing, the Planning Board is looking forward to the application for a proposed mall and industrial complex at Routes 101/125. □

Planning Board Officers

Michael O'Leary
Paul Spidel
Robert Graham
Ronald Nowe

Alternates

Stephen Emanouil
Paul Doucett
Robert Eldridge

1997 Ford/Marque F350 Ambulance - "18A-1"



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Phyllis McDonough
*Secretary Zoning Board
of Adjustment*

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five elected members: Joseph Foley, Judith Boisvert, Daniel Harvey, Paul Gatchell and Kevin Murphy. The number of Alternates has increased from three to five members which include, Doris Ann Allen, Mary Lou Nowe, James Marquardt and Lucille Morin.

In 1997, the ZBA held Eleven requests for Variances, Ten were granted and One denied. Three (3) hearings for Special Exceptions, which were granted, and One Motion for a rehearing, which was denied.

Many people are not aware that New Hampshire law strictly controls the actions of ZBA Boards in the state. By law a ZBA can only grant three kinds of requests: an appeal of a previous administrative decision regarding the meaning of the Town Ordinance; a request for a Special Exception (if it meets all the specific conditions of the Town Ordinance), and request for a Variance from the literal wording of the ordinance-If it meets five tests spelled out in state law.

For example, Epping's Zoning Ordinance states that certain uses are permitted by Special Exception in the Aquifer Protection District, provided they will not pollute the aquifer, significantly reduce the volume of water which it contains, or discharge hazardous materials on site. It is the ZBA's responsibility to decide whether or not a request meets these conditions. If the ZBA finds all the conditions have been met, it must grant the request; if it finds even one condition is not met, under the law it cannot grant it.

If a variance is requested, by State law, The ZBA can grant **ONLY** if all five criteria are met:

- Value of surrounding properties would not be reduced.
- Granting the appeal would be in the public interest.
- Denying the appeal would effectively prevent the owner from making any reasonable use of the land.
- By granting the appeal substantial justice would be done.
- The use must not be contrary to the "spirit and intent" of the zoning ordinance. The courts have ruled "when an ordinance contains a restriction against a particular use of the land, The ZBA would violate the spirit and intent by permitting that use." The principle underlying these laws is **ONLY THE VOTERS HAVE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR ZONING ORDINANCE.** No ZBA has this power.

Members continue to attended law lectures for Zoning Boards, sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

We ask every person considering an appeal to read Epping's Zoning Ordinance carefully beforehand, and refrain from submitting any request which cannot be granted within these laws. By so doing they will save time, expense and frustration. □

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Glenn Dodds
*Foreman, Highway
Department*

Projects August 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

- Clean up conservation property on Camp Lee Rd.
- Repairs and maintenance to Recycling Building.
- Replace or relocate street signs around Town .
- Cut brush and install new signs on Mast Rd.
- Use Trustees for roadside cleanup.
- Cut trees and install drainage ditch on Prescott Rd.
- Cut trees and install drainage ditch on Pawnee Ln.
- Screen winter sand at the Town sand pit.

- Build ramp for loading trucks at the recycling building.
- Road grading
- Install catch basin and 200' of drain line on Camp Lee Rd.
- Equipment repair getting ready for winter, created vehicle maintenance files.
- Day to day maintenance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

This year I have seen a great interest in the Town's industrial growth. Abinaki Timber is expanding its operation earlier than expected. There is a cell tower constructed on the Buxton site next to Route 101. A full-service veterinary hospital is now operating in Town, and a new preschool opened.

With these new services and industries operating in Town, the prospect of more industrial and retail establishments are looking to locate in Epping. The opening of the widened Route 101 makes the connections to Manchester and Concord easier.

The following is a list of what is new and of interest in Epping for 1997:

- Irving Gas Station on Route 125 is a twenty-four hour gas station and mini mart. Fallon's Veterinary Hospital, Route 125, is a full-service animal hospital.
- Prime Star Corporate Offices Distributors of Satellite TV Communications Equipment and Installation
- Poolburgh, Route 125, is a retail store for pools and pool supplies
- Bird's & Bee's Truck & Auto Body, Railroad Avenue, is a business that specializes in large truck and equipment repair.
- Buxton Oil Company, Skirling Road, has purchased this site for the construction of an oil storage terminal for heating oil.

The total number of building permits issued in 1997 was one hundred and twenty-seven, which includes:

- 27 new homes;
- 11 new manufactured homes;
- 1 communication tower;
- 2 gas stations / quick marts;
- 1 private school;
- 1 kiln;
- 1 apartment house
- 1 veterinary hospital

Eugene Perreault
Code Enforcement Officer

SOLID WASTE

We reduced the Town's tax funded waste stream this year substantially. In addition, steps are progressing to increase the recycled waste stream. This provides revenue to the general fund to reduce taxes. We had an average compactor transfer of 134.71 tons each month during 1997, down from 247.92 in 1996. At \$51.00 per ton, this resulted in a decrease tax demand of \$69,284.52.

The Town continues to be active in the Lamprey Regional Cooperative, and was instrumental in getting the tipping costs reduced from \$51.00 per ton to \$49.50. This should result in another 2,500 annual savings, on average. Look for recycling revenues, which we hope to post soon at the center.

The bulky waste landfill continues to be a successful solution for the Town. There is a limited amount of space here, but we're forcing wise use, to prolong the life. This year, we will be working to eliminate many of the tires stored on the property, in an effort to avoid higher future costs. In 1997, we had a mess of all the old Cable TV coax and amplifiers. This was quickly cleaned up, with a tidy revenue contributed to the general fund - more than \$3,000.

Gordon, Albert, Paul & Alfred do a good job managing the Town's Solid Waste issues, and I want to point them out for their continued good work this year. They spend a lot of time down there behind the scenes, meeting vendors, keeping things picked up, and plowed out. Thank you for a job well done.

The value of recycled material using Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

TONS	REVENUE TO TOWN
Coax 17.4	\$1,692.21
Metal 114.9	\$4,366.25
Cans 5.68	\$347.52
OCC 30.21	\$1,454.62
Loose paper 60.32	\$46.29
Clear glass 5.6	-\$11.20
Brown glass 5.6	-\$11.20
Green glass 19.93	-\$39.87

Norm Dionne,
Superintendent

WATER

The Epping Water Department experienced a busy year. There was a hydrant break on Pleasant Street due to a car accident, we failed one of our monthly water quality tests this summer with the presence of Total Coliform Bacteria, and there were several new connections, which could represent significant demand on our system. There were two sprinkler connections - the Epping Central School SAU building, and Mapletree Preschool. There was also a commercial extension and connection to the Irving Mainway facility on Route 125 across from Elm Street.

These expansions are conflicting, considering that we established an outdoor water use ban this summer, which still remains in effect. We have on occasion drastically low supplies, because our well is not able to recover. We have some solutions in the works, but we continue to ask customers to conserve. And we ask support of warrant articles at Town Meeting.

There was some use of surplus funds this year to expand the system on Route 125 from Main Street south towards the Brentwood Town Line. Due to costs and limited funds, we were only able to prepare the most expensive and restrictive zones with sleeves and water lines, which can be tied in later, should development require. While we would prefer to have the entire water main constructed, there are advantages of our limited project.

The State of NH Department of Transportation would not look kindly on digging up their brand new highway to install utilities, and if we needed to install utilities, we'd need to put protective sleeves in such that the pipe could be slid in up the conduit, with minimal disturbance to the bridge or road surfaces.

All of these tasks were completed in addition to regular maintenance on equipment and on our distribution system.

We look forward to a prosperous 1998, and we will continue to strive to provide high quality water to our customers. □

SEWER

We have had a successful year in treating sewerage and septage. Many challenges face us as we move into 1998, including the potential for a new permit.

This summer, we lowered the lagoon levels so that the aeration pipes could be cleaned. This allows improved oxygenation, which means much better aerobic activity in the lagoon ecosystem. It also caused some odor problem, for which we apologize to our neighbors. In addition, the Septic Holding tanks were cleaned of substantial grit and sediment build up.

We also completed a major step in expanding the system south on Route 125 towards the Brentwood Town line, using surplus funds voted at Town Meeting. The remaining aspect of this project will be to construct a lift station, and eliminate the private pumping systems at many of the properties from Mobil up to Main Street.

In addition, regular maintenance continued on equipment and on our collection system. There were very few deficiencies in complying with the current discharge permit, and we were pleased to work with Senator Smith and Congressman Sununu to secure a two million dollar federal grant for upgrades in 1998 and 1999. Our pending permit renewal by the EPA will be most challenging to meet, and as we seek public opinion, it will be important for Town's People to speak out about how they feel our plant operates, and what we contribute to the Lamprey River. □

HARVEY MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the past thirteen years, the library has grown consistently with each year seeing an increase in our attendance and circulation statistics. In 1997 our previous attendance record was exceeded by 4,000 and our circulation figures by 3,000. 1997 was a year of change and growth at the library.

Thanks to the people of Epping and their endorsement of our planned expansion in the Children's Room, we now have greater space in the library with room to grow. We separated the children's book collection from the main collection upstairs and moved it downstairs. A new rug and polished wooden bookshelves give the room an exciting new look. We have since had many successful Story Hours and Children's programs. The room is still available for meetings and up to fifty chairs can be comfortably accommodated.

Due to public demand, we also increased our hours. We are now open 10-5 every day except Sunday, which is much easier to remember than the previous schedule.

Many groups through out the year used the Lydia Ladd Room. The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire, Pampered Chef, Melling Glen Condo Association and the Rockingham Riding Club are just a few of those groups.

We have free passes for the people of Epping to attend the Portsmouth Children's Museum, the Boston Museum of Science and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. Call us at 679-5944 to make your reservation.

As always, our success could never have been attained without the generosity and help of everyone who donated to the library in 1997. Our devoted staff worked very hard in 1997 to realize our goals. With the backing of the library trustees and our Friends of the Library organization, we were able to provide the services that the town has come to expect from us. I thank all of you. □

Duane E. Shaffer
Library Director

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Changes in 1997 came about to the Welfare Program for the Town, starting with a change in personnel. Phyllis McDonough took over the position held by Cathy Grant, who took on a full-time position with the Town of Raymond.

The Statute RSA 165 implies that, "If a person is poor and unable to maintain themselves" the Town has no other choice but to assist, although, comparing last year's applications to this year's show a decline in assistance. I hope I've played a positive role in the lives of people who are having a difficult time, as they seem to be open to suggestions on how to help themselves. Because I am aware of other resources for such as federal programs, state programs, county assistance programs I am able to direct the people of Epping with resources that serve the needs of the poor as well as the budgetary needs of the town, and, also, Raymond Community Action Program has been a significant resource in meeting the needs of our residents.

The Welfare Office is opened on Wednesday's 9:00 am to noon.

I look forward to serving all of you in the future. □

Phyllis E. McDonough
Welfare Administrator

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Marla Merchant
Recreation Director

The year 1997 has been a successful one. Marla Merchant has been hired as a full time recreation director and has introduced pre-school holiday parties, craft classes, and teen pizza parties. The aerobic program has grown a great deal in 97, thanks to the coordination of Gina German. New classes include innovative ball exercise, cardiovascular workout, and step and sculpt. Seven classes a week were offered, and well attended.

Other programs that were offered were basic computer skills, birthday parties, line dancing, and ski trips.

The after school program introduced in 1997 has become a terrific way for school-age children to spend their afternoons. Children ages 6-13 are escorted to the recreation building after school. Homework is done, games are played, and a sense

of community is encouraged through team building activities.

For February and April vacation weeks, the recreation dept offered a week long camp for ages 6-12. The children spent their time going to Jokers, bowling, and having fun creating art projects. The summer camp was well attended, exciting trips were offered including a day in Boston visiting the aquarium. New for 97 was a pre-school camp. Twenty children attended for a month of action. New friends were made, and new skills were practiced. Look for this program in the summer of 98.

The annual 5 K Roll and Run race was held on October 4. This year we added a walking category, making the race very diverse. Many communities only offer running races, and we offer running, walking, and rollerblading. Part of the day's festivities included a children's dash. They had a grand time competing. Thanks to all involved making the road race successful. In 1998 look for the road race on October 3. Come join the fun.

On December 6 the Recreation building was open for a clean up day. Volunteers from Americora-Vista worked to paint the building. After-school children also helped. Thanks to the many people who gave of their time to clean up the building.

The Recreation Department would like to thank Mike and Leona Jean for their many years of serving on the recreation board. During their time of serving on the committee many goals were accomplished. For example they were for-runners in the Annual tree lighting. Thanks again for all of your years of service.

Volleyball was introduced late in 97. We will continue this program in 98. Adults are welcome to join the league on Monday evenings at 8.

For 1998 we will continue all of our successful programs. Adult Education programs will be a priority for the New Year, as well as teen programs. It is our intent to start a ski program for all ages. Swimming lessons at UNH will be offered in the spring of 98. This program will be for students in first grade and up. We hope to see many people involved in our programs.

We want to thank everyone who made 97 a great year. We would like to hear from you with any suggestions on programs, or if you wish to sign up for a program. Please contact Marla Merchant at 679-3301, or 679-1341. □

TOP: Some volunteers for Recreation Clean-up Day.
BOTTOM: Some of the "kids" volunteered some painting time too.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The commission is pleased to report that our community has shown increasing interest in turning land over to the town for conservation purposes. Annette Keenan donated a ten-acre parcel off Camp Lee Rd. to the town this past year. After an extensive cleanup of the area by town staff a dedication ceremony was held on the property called the Rose Marie Dumas Preserve. A very nice sign was provided by Harold Lapierre and placed on the site overlooking the Lamprey River. Thanks to Jennifer Lapoint for her efforts to conserve this property.

The town also recently accepted a donation of 22 acres off High Rd. by Jim Parsons. A part of this was formerly a recreation area for the Fox Run Camp-ground and includes a small pond and a rec. building. The remaining land is wooded and in the back it overlooks Muddy Pond. The Crossroads Sports & Entertainment Center plans to grant a conservation easement on 11 acres at the RT.87 bridge and remove fill in the wetlands there as part of a wetlands mitigation plan. We have supported the plan and hope to have permanent use of the property for the end of the canoe race. Work continues on the John Folsom Conservation off RT. 27 and we hope to plant trees and make trails in the coming year.

The 20th annual Lamprey River Canoe Race was held and attracted more participants than ever. We wish to acknowledge Dorothy Hall for getting this event started 20 years ago and also Andy Vallone and Virginia Lapierre who have been the starters and

timers since the beginning. Two wet members of this commission accepted the Dorothy Hall Founders award in the Town Officials category as the winners and only competitors in that class.

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee has continued to work with the town on river related issues. This groups efforts played a large in the approval of a \$2 million grant the town is receiving to upgrade its sewage treatment plant. Epping can and should respond with development and sewage treatment improvements that will co-exist with our most important natural resource the Lamprey River.

The conservation commission in cooperation with the Garden Club continues to send children to conservation camp each year and we plan to start up the fishing derby on the Parsons land.

We would like to acknowledge Jerry Langdon who stepped down as chairman. He will continue to work with us on land and forest management projects. □

There were many participants in the 20th Annual Lamprey River Canoe Race sponsored by the Epping Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission:
Susan Harvey
Kevin Martin
Richard Fisher
Jennifer LaPointe
Jeff Conrad



School District Information

Officers 1997 - 1998

Herbert Hughes	Term Expires 1998
Diane Byrne	Term Expires 1998
Ronald Altman, Chairperson	Term Expires 1999
Jennifer Yergeau	Term Expires 1999
Tom Carleton	Term Expires 2000

Superintendent of Schools

Robert F. Bell

Business Administrator

Barbara Munsey

Special Services Coordinator

Dr. Irene Sousa

Administrators

Dagmar Franke, Principal	Grades 1-5
Dr. Victor Petzy, Principal	Grades 6-12
Mark Vallone, Assistant Principal	Grades 6-12

Treasurer

Amy Holmes-Oliver

Moderator

Harold K. LaPierre, Jr.

Clerk

Amy Bolton

GOALS FOR 1998

1. To study the feasibility of providing public kindergarten for all Epping students.
2. To implement a special education site based management plan.
3. To implement a long range planning committee to discuss the most cost effective, educationally sound program to meet the needs of the Epping School District for the next ten years.
4. To emphasize the coordination of curriculum between the elementary and middle/high school.
5. To focus on meeting and exceeding the needs of the customers of the Epping school system.
6. To focus on the improvement of the 1-6 language arts program.

STATISTICAL DATA

	AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE DAILY ABSENCE	ATTENDANCE
Elementary	376.7	16.1	96%
Middle School	228.3	10.8	95%
Sr. High	228.7	17.4	92%

Epping High School Girls
Basketball. Judi Phelps photo



SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the progress that we have made on the Epping Board Goals.

Our first goal was to study the feasibility of providing public kindergarten for all Epping students. In October I formed a kindergarten study committee. The purpose of this committee was to study the state's regulations and information on kindergarten implementation, determine start up costs and make a recommendation to the school board regarding the feasibility of kindergarten implementation in Epping.

The Kindergarten Study Committee met four times from October through December. Mrs. Franke and committee members spent time researching and collecting data between meetings. Research shows us that 50% of all growth and intelligence is placed between birth and age 4; 30% between ages 4 and 8; 20% between the ages of 8 and 17, thus 80% of this growth and intelligence occurs by the end of second grade. Appropriate educational programs for children before the age of 6 can help provide the necessary experiences for the child's most productive years. I believe that a public kindergarten setting will be the most educationally effective setting for the children of Epping.

In December I submitted a Kindergarten Summary Report to the school board. They have taken this report under advisement but will not ask the town to approve public kindergarten this year. They will spend this year informing the public of the advantages and cost of public kindergarten and bring a warrant article to vote for the implementation of public kindergarten at the March, 1999 school district meeting.

The school board's second goal was to implement a special education site based management plan. In the spring of 1997, the Joint SAU Board voted to eliminate the SAU Special Education Director's position. Each district then voted to hire its own Special Services Coordinator. Our goal was to provide stronger site based management of special education programs and to improve the control of budgeting special education expenses. Dr. Irene Sousa was hired to be the Special Services Coordinator for the Epping School District. I am happy to report that we are pleased with the progress that has been made in this area since the beginning of the year. New, effective programs for special education students have been implemented, several students have returned from out-of-district

placements and 99% of all special education student programs are in compliance with state and federal regulations. Compared with previous years, our present 1997-98 special education budget has increased very little. We feel that significant progress has been made in implementing this goal.

The board's third goal was to implement a long range planning committee to discuss the most cost effective, educationally sound program to meet the needs of the Epping School District for the next ten years. The school board hired the New Hampshire School Administrators Association to complete an independent investigation and analysis of the educational program needs of the Epping School system. The report was completed on January 15, 1998. The report explains in detail the space needs of both the elementary and middle/high school. The school board along with the Long Range Planning Committee will analyze and consider the recommendations made in this report. I would expect that after a year long study the school board will present an article in March of 1999 that will begin to address the space needs outlined in this report. If you are interested in serving on the Long Range Planning Committee for next year, please feel free to call my office at any time.

The goal on focusing on the improvement of the 1-6 Language Arts Program is well under way and will continue throughout next year. The staff and

Robert F. Bell
Superintendent
of Schools

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OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Grade 1	86	78	72	78	92
Grade 2	58	76	76	66	71
Grade 3	74	58	76	81	71
Grade 4	81	77	59	78	83
Grade 5	79	82	72	57	86
Grade 6	73	79	83	77	59
Grade 7	80	68	74	79	85
Grade 8	64	84	67	76	78
Grade 9	73	68	85	72	89
Grade 10	76	65	63	76	68
Grade 11	67	71	60	51	63
Grade 12	47	62	62	52	53
TOTALS	858	868	849	849	898

School District Information

SUPERINTENDENT Cont.

administration will continue to work to have a well defined, sequential continuum of language arts skills in each grade level. This will help us define what skills are taught at each grade level and what skills each child has mastered. We also intend to hold summer workshops to focus on planning to improve the teaching of Language Arts skills.

Finally, an ongoing goal of the school board is to focus on meeting and exceeding the needs of

the customers of the Epping School system. The students, parents and community members of Epping all are customers. I would expect that all of our staff will treat you in a truthful, honest, courteous, responsive and respectful manner at all times. Working together we can continue to provide educational opportunities for all the students of Epping. □

Dr. Victor J. Petzy Principal, Grades 6-12

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

In June 1997 Epping Middle High School graduated 48 students. Nearly 65% went on to post secondary study, receiving over \$15,000 in scholarship money from 18 local sources. We started the 1997-98 school year with 495 students, (277 high school and 218 middle school), welcoming 15 Fremont pupils to our 9th grade class. With additional students entering this year from Fremont and surrounding towns, we expect our enrollment to move above 500 by September '98.

In the past year our students distinguished themselves in a number of academic and athletic areas. Our Granite State Challenge Team made it to the second round. Several of our teams qualified for post season tournaments and our Middle School Cheerleaders won the Raymond Invitational. We issued 22 academic letters and inducted 32 students into the National and Junior National Honor Societies. Four of our art students were honored

by the Boston Globe for their work and several were selected for Music All State and all league athletic teams.

Epping students at SST (Seacoast School of Technology) won numerous local and regional awards and two received pins for being the top students in their respective programs. Our 7th and 8th grade classes did well on the California Achievement Tests and our sixth and tenth graders showed improvement on the state assessment exams. In fact, our 10th grade scored better than 60% of all other 10th grades in the state.

Mrs. Julie Heon, after three years of service, took on a principalship in Rochester, N. H. and we were pleased to welcome Mark Vallone as our new assistant principal. Mr. Vallone, an Epping resident and former teacher at Epping Middle-High School, has two children in our school and is a recent McAuliffe Award winner. Other new personnel include: Dr.

RIGHT: Epping High School
Cheerleaders perform.
R.L. Altman photo

BELOW: Amber Gagnon,
Jenny Peterson and Christy
Pellitter at work in Epping High
School's computer lab.
Judi Phelps photo



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Cont.

Irene Sousa, Coordinator of Special Services; Jon Altbergs, English; Fred Gabriel, Physical Science; Lance Heard, Math;

Bill Pletch, Biology and Peter Weaver, Special Education. Chris Robinson was hired as a part time Technology Coordinator for the district. Don Hatch, regrettably, will retire at the end of the 97-98 school year after 29 years of dedicated service as a guidance counselor at Epping High School. We are grateful to the Board for allowing us to hire Ellen Cooke, an experienced guidance director to work with Mr. Hatch during the transition period.

Two new secretaries joined us this year, Lorraine Eastman in guidance and Leslie Kahn in the front office. Andrea Ogden, selected as Class M Athletic Director Of The Year in 96-97, moved on to Portsmouth High School and Larry Averill ably assumed the A.D. position. We dedicated our media center to Darryl Rice, a middle school teacher who died in November, 1995.

As in past years, our teaching staff made contributions beyond the school walls. Jim Locke's sculpture pieces were selected for exhibits at several locations in New England. Faith Day made a major presentation at the State Foreign Language Conference and Judi Phelps, Bruce Christie and Pat Weisberg represented us at the annual NELMS (New England League of Middle Schools) conference, presenting a unique interdisciplinary unit they have introduced in our Middle School.

We have made great progress in expanding our technology. Using grant monies and a Media One contribution, we upgraded computers, purchased new equipment and software, installed cable drops in nearly all classrooms, purchased new TVs and VCRs and installed equipment for making local TV transmissions. With Mr. Vallone's guidance our faculty developed a comprehensive five year technology plan and we are now pursuing major grant awards in this area.

In the past year we enhanced our curriculum through the introduction of an advanced biology course, Spanish III, French IV/V and several new mini courses in our M. S. Exploratory program. We completed the reorganization of our middle school science program and our goal is to extend this work to the high school. In addition, we plan to upgrade our middle and high school math programs by replacing outdated textbooks. As a district we will be initiating several projects this year aimed at linking our elementary and middle school curricula. Our entire faculty has engaged in staff development

activities focusing on technology skills, teaching strategies, and curriculum alignment required by the state frameworks and assessment program.

We continue to address the facility problems highlighted in our '94 accreditation report. We have used district funds to repair heating/ventilation units throughout the building and will complete that project next year. We have identified an appropriate elevator system for well under the original cost projected and hope to complete that project next summer.

Space, however, continues to be a major problem. In light of recent studies projecting overcrowdedness in the present structure, we will be seeking the town's support to expand our facility so that we can maintain the quality of our programs and meet the challenges of a growing student population. □

*Epping High School Soccer
Goalie, Jake Denoncoeur.
Jack Phelps photo*



Dagmar Franke

Principal, Grades 1-5

Raymond Maloney and Jonathan Weaver were chosen among thousands who entered the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Service Poster Design Contest. The two students will have their artwork featured on a 1998 calendar with the theme, *Here Comes The Sun*.

BOTTOM: Epping Elementary School Student Council Elections November, 1997

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Again we have seen an increase in the student population to a total of 473 for the October 1, 1997 student count.

We welcomed Mrs. Renee Wilkinson and Mrs. Nicole Hawksley to our first grade which gave us five first grade classrooms. Mrs. Karen Thompson joined our fifth grade team and Mrs. Sandra Landis agreed to teach the 4/5 combination class. Mr. Robert Schmidt returned from his leave of absence as our physical education and health teacher. Ms. Audrey Haussman is filling in for Mrs. Kristine Gruszczynski and Mrs. Kimberly Seaman

is replacing Mrs. Christina Willett in the special education department.

Ms. Lee Bison, Mr. Stephen Comack, Mrs. Karen Lavoie, Mr. Jeffrey McNally, Ms. Candace Ready, Mrs. Linda White and Ms. Stephanie Limperis joined our staff as aides in the special education department.

Special thanks go to our Parent Teacher Organization, which continues to provide invaluable support to the Epping Elementary School. We are very excited about our new sound system and would again like to thank all those parents who supported the PTO enabling the PTO to purchase the system. The boys and girls, teachers and parents will be able to better enjoy our artistic productions for years to come. The PTO has also continued to support the school by providing exciting financial assistance for field trips and special assembly programs to name just a few.

We were proud to be able to continue our After School Art Program with Mrs. Colleen Schmidt and add an After School Math Program with Mrs. Joan Harris and Mrs. Sharon Dyer. In addition Mrs. Landis and Mrs. Harris are our coaches for our newly formed O.M. Team.

Our regular extra curricular activities continue to be very popular with our students. We have continued our October, Safety Program, November, Pilgrim and Native American Month as well as our February, I Love To Read Month. In addition our Student Council continues to empower students to positively participate in their school community. Among the activities sponsored by the Student Council was a bake sale, which raised \$142.84 for the Exeter Chamber of Commerce Children's Fund. Four of our students, Brittany Colford, Sam Hardy, Christopher Hagen and Heather Tempest won the Fosters Daily Democrat Holiday Writing Contest. Raymond Maloney and Jonathan Weaver won the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services I-Here Comes The Sun/Using Energy: Today and Tomorrow Poster Contest.

Everyone at the Epping Elementary School would like to extend a note of appreciation to all the people who have been volunteering at our school. The assistance of all our volunteers continues to be vital to our success.

The staff and administration of the Epping Elementary School continues to work closely with parents and remains dedicated to providing an excellent educational program for all students. □



MINUTES OF THE 1997 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 13, 1997

The School District Meeting was held at the Howard Allen Gymnasium at Epping Middle-High School and was called to order at 7:05pm, by Moderator Harold LaPierre.

School Board members present were: Ron Altman-Chairman, Diane Byrne, Tom Carleton, Herbert Hughes, Jennifer Yergeau, Superintendent Robert Bell and Business Manager Barbara Munsey. The Budget Committee was present at the meeting.

Moderator LaPierre read the rules and procedures of the meeting. A motion was made to accept the rules and procedures as read. The motion was seconded. The motion passes.

The Moderator Read Article 1

To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Chairperson Altman spoke briefly in regards to the current budget, the lists of accomplishments for Epping Middle/High School and the Elementary School in the 1996/97 school year. At this time Representative Bob Dodge requested if the school board had the number of pupils per grade. Chairperson Altman stated they would prepare a handout for the public and have available at the upcoming Town meeting on March 18, 1997. Diane Gilbert inquired if these pupil counts would include Home School students. Chairperson Altman stated it does not include Home School taught children. Diane Gilbert discussed issues regarding the State Assessment tests given this year. Discussion followed. Superintendent Bell responded to Ms. Gilberts comments regarding the testing. A motion was made to accept the article as read. The motion was seconded. The article was **passed** with a hand vote.

The Moderator Read Article 2

To See if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thou-

sand dollars (\$10,000) improve the air ventilation and heating system in the Epping Middle/High School in order to meet the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation standards.

(Recommended by the Epping School Board and Budget Committee)

Member Hughes spoke on behalf of this Article. Don Sisson inquired as to what other improvements will be needed according to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges report. Member Hughes responded that the report is available for the public to review.

A motion was made to accept the article as read. The motion was seconded. The article was voted and **passed** with a hand vote.

Moderator Read Article 3

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety six thousand dollars (\$196,000) to reduce the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 189:28-a and to cover unanticipated special education and support services costs for the 1996-97 school fiscal year.

(Recommended by the Epping School Board and Budget Committee)

Member Yergeau spoke on behalf of this article. Paul Spidle inquired about the underexpenditure of anticipated funds for the Regular Education and Vocational Education accounts. Member Yergeau responded due to a turnover in teacher personnel and the reduction of students attending the Vocational Center. Bob Dodge, Don Sisson, Tom Carleton, Ron Altman and Diane Gilbert also spoke in regards to this article.

A motion was made to accept the article as read. The motion was seconded. The article was vote and **passed** with hand vote.

Moderator Read Article 4

By Petition: Barbara Sisson, Donald A. Sisson, Virginia C. Heath, plus 26 others. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Epping School District?

(Not recommended by the Epping School Board)

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Plymouth Plantation Visited the Epping Elementary School November, 1997



School District Information

DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES Cont.

This article was voted by ballot on March 11, 1997. The article was defeated on March 11, 1997. **The results were as follows: Yes - 485 No - 397** The article needed a 2/3 majority vote, which would of required 530 Yes votes to pass.

The Moderator Read Article 5

By Petition: Bruce Hauschel, Paul Spidle, Barbara Sisson, plus 25 others. To see if the voters of the Epping School District will approve the transfer of the funds



represented in account number 1200 (Special Education) and account number 2550-513-8 (Special Transportation) to a separate warrant article totaling \$1,327,256.00. The purpose of the article is to more closely monitor special education spending.

(Not Recommended by the Epping School Board and Budget Committee)

At this time Paul Spidle made a motion to amend the article to add "...if the article passes, the General Fund account will be reduced by \$1,327,256.00..." Don Sisson seconded the motion. The motion passes by a hand vote.

Mr. Mark Joyce spoke in regards to this article, Chairperson Ron Altman, Diane Gilbert, Member Yergeau also spoke in regards to this article.

Rolo Graham made a motion to move the question. Rick Harding seconded the motion. The motion to move the question was passed by a hand vote.

A motion was made to accept the article as amended. The motion was seconded. The article was **defeated** by a hand vote.

The Moderator Read Article 6

To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

1100	Regular Programs	\$2,295,304
1200	Special Programs	1,236,679
1300	Vocational Programs	40,425
1400	Other Instructional Programs	83,544
2120	Guidance	131,990
2130	Health	31,678
2150	Speech	93,436
2210	Improvement of Instruction	38,257
2220	Educational Media	165,636
2310	School Board	42,125
2320	SAU Expense	184,591
2400	School Administration	336,913
2540	Operation of Plant	344,357
2550	Pupil Transportation	232,266
2900	Support Benefits	123,669
4000	Facilities	20,000
5000	Debt Service	
2560	Food Service	232,852
Total Appropriation		\$5,633,722

(Recommended by the Epping School Board and Budget Committee)

Member Carleton spoke on behalf of this article. Discussion followed with comments from the following voters, Chris Dawnie, Joe Foley, Bob Dodge. Mr. Bob Dodge requested from the board potential costs for public kindergarten. Superintendent Bell responded his recent research on this subject reflects that it would cost approximately \$100,000 to start a program. Discussion followed.

A motion to move the question was made. The motion was seconded. The Article **passed** with a hand held vote.

The Moderator Read Article 7

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded. It was voted by a hand vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. □



TOP: Michael Gabriel and Jolene Victoria from Mrs. Dyer's second grade class at International month, January 1997.
LEFT: Epping Elementary Holiday Concert.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS NAMES	PLACE OF BIRTH
12/21/96	Grant Skylar Stejbach	Kenneth Ronald Stejbach Carrie Deloris Stejbach	Portsmouth
01/14/97	Sarah Maretta Cammett	Scott Michael Cammett Pamela Joan Cammett	Exeter
02/15/97	Rachel Eve Stone	Eric William Stone Charla Ann Stone	Exeter
02/15/97	Kaylin Adella Cray	Matthew Carlton Cray Beverly Eva Cray	Exeter
02/24/97	Abigail Mae Coes	Samuel Horton Coes III Patricia Ann Coes	Manchester
03/15/97	Karra Isabelle Hebert	Jocelyn Gerard Hebert Kendra Lynn Hebert	Manchester
03/17/97	Micah Allan Peterson	David Allan Peterson Danielle Marie Peterson	Manchester
03/29/97	Joseph Tyler Marchetti	Robert Louis Marchetti Marjory Louise Marchetti	Concord
03/30/97	Andrew Scott Lambert	Greg Alan Lambert Christine Ann Lambert	Exeter
04/05/97	Bradley Geoffrey Kim	Geoffrey Todd Kim Myung Suk Kim	Exeter
04/09/97	Nicholas Paul Theodorou	Nicholas Theodorou Nadine Michelle Theodorou	Exeter
04/11/97	Aaron Joseph Albert McKenna	Lawrence Joseph McKenna Monique Graf	Exeter
04/14/97	Kaelah Marie Kennedy	Kevin James Kennedy Renee Evon Kennedy	Exeter
05/01/97	Rebecca Lynn Porter	John Lyndon Porter Cheryl Tina Porter	Exeter
05/03/97	Natalie Goldsmith Hereford	Keith Fordyce Hereford Sarah Bradford Chase	Exeter
05/07/97	Cherith Elizabeth Boda	James Michael Boda Stephanie Boda	Epping

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BIRTHS Cont.

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS NAMES	PLACE OF BIRTH
05/09/97	Brett Richard Couture	Gerard Robert Couture Debra Jean Couture	Portsmouth
05/13/97	Joseph Michael Parsons	Myron Richard Parsons Jr Laura Jean Parsons	Exeter
05/21/97	Alyss Lee Brocato	Jeremy Kenneth Brocato Lea Ruth Brocato	Exeter
05/22/97	Alec Edward Schleich	Walter Warren Schleich Anna Isabelle Schleich	Exeter
05/23/97	Aaron Bradley Spencer	Steven Charles Spencer Marianne Teresa Spencer	Exeter
05/23/97	Shalee Gail Day	Gary Charles Day Stephanie Lee Day	Exeter
06/03/97	Stephen MacGregor Rutherford	Alexander Little Rutherford Ann Patricia Rutherford	Exeter
06/08/97	Kelly Ann Begin	Charles Edward Begin Patricia Ann Begin	Portsmouth
06/15/97	Daniel Lewis Rogers	David Stanley Rogers Carla Rogers	Dover
06/17/97	Jacob Michael Pizz	Richard Stanley Pizz, Jr Stacia Beth Pizz	Exeter
06/20/97	Cameron Matthew Currier	Matthew Richard Currier Erika Deborah Currier	Manchester
06/23/97	Thomas Henry Church	Stephen Alan Church Pamela Ann Church	Exeter
06/24/97	Ethan Mark Illsley	Steven Mark Illsley Laura Jean Illsley	Exeter
06/24/97	Brett Michael Schmidt	John Mark Schmidt Colleen Beth Schmidt	Portsmouth
07/01/97	Alexander Nicholas Leggett	Michael Anthony Leggett Zaharoula Leggett	Exeter
07/11/97	Haleigh Lyn White	James Lee White Patricia Evelyn White	Manchester
07/23/97	Adrianna Angeline Lamparelli	Michael Lamparelli Kathleen Ann Lamparelli	Exeter
07/28/97	Colin James Royle	James Joseph Royle Christine Anne Royle	Exeter
07/30/97	Julia Correia Adams	John Quincy Adams Maria Margaret Correia	Manchester
08/11/97	Jamie Elizabeth Craig	Jerry Craig Shelly Ann Craig	Exeter
09/05/97	Clinton Rodney Marshall	Dana Grant Marshall Laurie Anne Marshall	Exeter
09/06/97	Nicholas James Carleton	Thomas Joseph Carleton Nicole Michelle Carleton	Exeter
09/13/97	Lydia Jane Woodward	Timothy William Woodward Deborah Lee Woodward	Epping

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS NAMES	PLACE OF BIRTH
09/15/97	Audrey Lord Fuller	Robert Douglas Fuller Deborah Louise Fuller	Dover
09/17/97	Victoria Rose Oulette	Thomas John Ouelette Cheryl Ann Ouelette	Exeter
09/22/97	Rachel Jordan Kaplan	David Michael Kaplan Allison Beth Kaplan	Exeter
09/28/97	James Henry Byrne IV	James Henry Byrne III Sonya Ann Poitras	Manchester
09/29/97	Dillon Joseph Harding	Shea Robert Harding Heather Hope Harding	Exeter
09/30/97	Zachary James Roy Murray	Dennis James Murray Nicole Lynn Senay	Manchester
09/30/97	Michael Thomas Rondeau Jr	Michael Thomas Rondeau Jennifer Ann Rondeau	Exeter
10/06/97	Justin Patrick Meek	John Thomas Meek Maureen Annette Meek	Exeter
10/10/97	Joshua Michael Grillo	Michael Joseph Grillo Patricia Ann Grillo	Portsmouth
10/19/97	Timothy Allen-James Hojaboom	Allen Noyes Hojaboom Nancy Anne Hojaboom	Derry
10/24/97	Caleb Philip St. Clair	Philip Leroy St. Clair Shelley Marie St. Clair	Exeter
11/02/97	Shannon Elizabeth Colford	Michael Francis Colford Mary Ellen Colford	Exeter
11/06/97	Cameron Daniel Glines	Randall Spencer Glines Misty Ellen Glines	Epping
11/19/97	Sydney Chase MacDonald	Eric James MacDonald Deanna Lynn MacDonald	Dover
11/19/97	Michael Jacob Hollinrake	Michael Vahan Hollinrake Amy Hollinrake	Portsmouth
11/22/97	Ryan Michael McDonald	Jeffrey Alan McDonald Patricia Ann McDonald	Exeter
12/01/97	Jacob John Cudiner	Vincent Jacob Cudiner Pamela Lee Hector	Derry
12/09/97	Roger Scott Beal, Jr.	Roger Scott Beal Tracy Leigh Beal	Exeter
12/17/97	Ryane Elizabeth Walters	Troy Carl Walters Christine Elizabeth Walters	Portsmouth
12/29/97	Hunter Diane Quist	Brian Wilmer Quist Vicki Diane Quist	Manchester

BIRTHS Cont.

MARRIAGES

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF GROOM AND BRIDE
01/23/97	John David Bonczkiewicz Margaret Ann Bonczkiewicz	Epping Raymond
01/25/97	Robert F. H. Greenwood Marianne Tishko	Plaistow Epping
02/14/97	Jeffrey Scott Currier Ann Marie Briere	Epping Putnam, CT.
02/14/97	Daniel E. Beauregard Patricia Ann Anderson	Epping Epping
02/22/97	Christopher Mark Pipitone Susan Marie Wilson	Epping Epping
03/22/97	Garry Lyle Fowler Sarah Louise McDermott	Epping Epping
05/09/97	Richard Allan Brailsford Teresa Ann Coombs	Epping Epping
05/17/97	Adam Scott Russell Tammie Sue Morin	Newmarket Epping
05/18/97	Matthew Joseph Delmonte Lee Ann Merashoff	Epping Epping
05/24/97	Joseph Christopher Jean, Jr Kimberly Lynne Field	Epping Epping
05/24/97	Eric Arthur Evans Sandra Alison Mitchell	Epping Pagosa Springs, Co.
06/06/97	James Michael Munroe Renee Carol Ross	Raymond Epping
06/07/97	Brian Keith Batchelder Linda Marie Hale	Epping Epping
06/21/97	James Gary Porter Jr Sabrina Rose Smith	Epping Barrington
06/21/97	Daniel Michael Quintal Tanya Marie Summit	Epping Exeter
06/28/97	Chad Wesley Converse Laurie Anne Kelley	Epping Epping
06/28/97	James P McGeough IV Susan Marie Joyce	Epping Epping
07/03/97	Robert Edward Remillard Jennifer Ann Butler	Epping Epping
07/04/97	Roger E. Currier Cheryl A Carrow	Epping Epping
07/11/97	Raymond Stanley Krueger Jr Diane Lucille Deblois	Epping Manchester
07/26/97	Gary S Roy Jennifer Brown	Epping Epping
08/15/97	Alan Richard Blacquier Kelly Marie Shapleigh	Epping Epping

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF GROOM AND BRIDE
08/23/97	Geoffrey Bruce Davies Deanna Jean Welch	Kingston Epping
08/30/97	Michael S. Saulnier Courtney Erin Currier	Epping Epping
08/30/97	William Ramsey Starace Jr Candace Jean Thibeault	Raymond Epping
09/08/97	Gregory Alan Swanton Debra Ann Brownstein	Epping Epping
09/13/97	Mark Robert Perry Laura Ruth Murphy	Epping Epping
09/20/97	Gene William Callahan Julie Elizabeth Winkler	Winsted, Ct Epping
10/04/97	Wallace Grovner Litchfield Amy Colleen Todd	Epping Epping
10/11/97	Francis A. Roberts Jr Catherine M. Allain	Epping Epping
10/11/97	William R. Johnson Kathy Jane Sullivan	Epping Epping
10/25/97	Ricky Dolor Gagnon Heidi Jean Harris	Epping Epping
11/08/97	Raymond Keith Lemieux Susan Trainor	Epping Epping
11/08/97	Robert Alan Haywood Lorraine Florance Church	Epping Epping

LEFT: Epping Elementary School; Mrs. Butt's Class during International Month, January 1997.
Epping Middle School Eighth Grade Mount Major Trip
Pat Wesberg photo



DEATHS

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	FATHERS NAME	MOTHERS NAME
01/23/97	Fremont	Marion J. Grenier	Charles White	Emily Glispe
01/26/97	Epping	Jason Kurt Ivey	Milton Ivey	Wanda Espey
02/09/97	Epping	John H. Newton	James Newton	Agnes Holleran
03/09/97	Rochester	Alice M. Foley	George Cummings	Carrie Tilton
03/23/97	Manchester	Harry F. Evans	Edward Evans	Ethel Call
04/10/97	Exeter	Robert Edward Belcher	Edward Belcher	Edith Carter
04/14/97	Manchester	Lily Emma Lasman	John Duke	Mary Dressman
04/15/97	Epping	Hubert Marney	Hubert Marney	Pearl Pierson
04/21/97	Exeter	Robert Griffith Hale	Stephen M. Hale	Mary McDonald
04/23/97	Epping	Jack Wesley Chase	Claude Chase	Clesta Cook
04/26/97	Brentwood	Eleanor M. Thompson	Leroy Murdock	Hattie Warren
04/28/97	Epping	Theoharis Amarantides	John Amarantides	Palassa Hatjicabitoglou
04/30/97	Exeter	Ethel. M. Smith	John Henry	Frances Scott
05/13/97	Portsmouth	Louis I. Thibeault	Isadore Thibeault	Delia Therrian
05/15/97	Exeter	Beatrice G. Marcotte	George Gage	Blanche Thurston
06/03/97	Manchester	Romeo Joseph Dion	Archille Dion	Alma Forbes
07/01/97	Exeter	William R. Mountford	William Mountford	Emma Ellis
07/06/97	Hampton	Carrie E. Morrison	Fred Spencer	Mildred Hoitt
07/31/97	Epping	Harold Robertson	John Robertson	Emily White
08/15/97	Exeter	Hazel Irene Batchelor	John W. Wells	Ester M. Butler
08/17/97	Epping	Mary Louise Analoro	George J. Dufou	Goldie Foss
08/20/97	Epping	Gerard L. Yergeau	Germain Yergeau	Marie Petit
08/30/97	Brentwood	Myron Woodman	Thomas Woodman	Ethel Thurston
08/31/97	Epping	Ernest A. Richards	Joseph Richards	Nellie Dunlap
09/28/97	Portsmouth	George Helander	Victor W. Helander	Sophie Aho
10/05/97	Exeter	Robert J. Milyaro	Domenic Milyaro	Leolie Dube
10/14/97	Brentwood	Ellen J. Hurteau	Albert D. Tombly	Ellen L. Freeman
10/23/97	Manchester	Louise Pitman	Augustas T. Clark	Yvonne Frennette
10/25/97	Portsmouth	Robert A. Muchmore	Everett Muchmore	Lillian Peterson
11/04/97	Exeter	Miriam M. Porter	Rodney L. Hardy	Edith Churchill
11/17/97	Exeter	Beulah L. Francoeur	George Scard	Beulah Walters
12/2/97	Brentwood	Alice J. Pendergrace	George Swett	Ella B. Jean
12/6/97	Concord	Helena Ernest	Arnold Hitchcock	Fay Whitrod

EPHING AREA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency Numbers - Fire/Police/Rescue

Emergency 9-1-1

General Business

Fire 679-5446

Police 679-5122, 679-5834 or 679-3300

Animal Control 679-5122

Town Offices

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 679-8288

(Voter & Car Registrations, dog licenses, taxes,
water/sewer payments

Public Works 679-5171



Recycling Center 679-4675

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement 679-1202

Health and Welfare 679-1231

Tax Assessing 679-5441

(property tax exemptions, abatements, assessment information)

Town Administrator 679-5441

Library 679-5944

Schools

Superintendent's Office 679-8003

High School 679-5472

Elementary 679-8018

Recreation 679-1341 or 679-3301

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Epping Post Office 679-5952

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